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**T**HE ELEPHANT has ninety "nerve centers" or points where pressure by the mahout with an ankus, or goad with sharp spike and hook, directs and controls the elephant.

**T**HE MOST rapid increase in population of any of the world's major areas was made by the twenty Latin-American countries, which increased from 43 million to about 172 million from 1900 to 1956.

**T**HE SENSE organs of insects differ in many ways from man's. Bees, ants, and wasps can taste with their antennae and legs as well as with their mouths. The "nose" of the male honeybee is made of about 30,000 tiny rounded plates on the antennae. The worker has about 6,000 cells which are sensitive to odors. Professor Karl von Frisch tested 34 sugars. He found that 30 are sweet to man but only 9 appear so to bees, and some substances which are bitter to man are tasteless to bees. Bees and ants can see ultraviolet which is invisible to the human eye but can't see red at all. The grasshopper has its organ of hearing at the base of the abdomen, but katydids, crickets, and termites hear through the front legs.

**I**N EARLY times in ancient Egypt women, and sometimes men, cut or punctured designs on certain parts of their body to protect them against evil spirit attacks. In later times loyal officials had the name of the reigning king tattooed on their shoulders or breasts.

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A NEW POWER and new personalities have arisen in the Middle East. On July 26, 1956, the ruler of modern Egypt, Gamal Abdel Nasser, not yet forty years of age, seized the Suez Canal for its ancient country. Immediately crisis signals flashed around the world. British troops set sail. A twenty-four-nation conference was called to protest and to attempt "internationalization" of the famed waterway. The background of these events provides a useful platform to view some new developments in the world. Nasser's ambition is to organize the Arab-Islamic world, with Egypt as its geographic and political pivot, as a new and vital force in world affairs. The position of Egypt astride the Suez Canal not only gives future meaning to world shipping, strategy, and the decline of British and French interests in Asia, but also if, in the next generation, Nasser or his successors can divert some of the oil of Arabia and

the Persian Gulf refineries to an Egyptian industrial economy, the world will have witnessed another profound and revolutionary change. At present that oil, which lubricates the machines and economies of Western Europe, flows through the Suez Canal to non-Egyptian ports.

Is Nasser justified? Is Egypt's position well taken? What should the British do? What is America's position? Russia's? India's?

Some light may be shed on contemporary developments by viewing the background.

It has been possible to go by water from the Mediterranean to the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean, it is thought, since about 1380 B.C. Travel has not been by means of a canal across the Isthmus of Suez, but by entry up the Nile; thence by fresh water canal to the Bitter Lakes (through which the isthmian canal now runs) and out to the Red Sea. An inscription on a temple at Karnak indicates that there was such a canal in 1380 B.C., rebuilt on larger lines by Pharaoh Necho in 609 B.C., enlarged by Ptolemy Philadelphus in 285 B.C. and finally closed about 770 A.D.

Closure of this unique waterway was an earlier effort of the Arab world to organize and maintain itself against the West. It was Mansur, founder of

Bagdad, who closed the route, fearing exposure to the Byzantine navies of the Eastern Roman Empire. Notwithstanding, as late as 1861 a portion of the old canal, from Babastis on the Nile, remained. The French used it in building a new fresh water canal from Cairo to the new, modern Suez project in 1861-1863.

The dream of a sea-going canal connecting the Indian Ocean with the Mediterranean by means of the isthmus dates at least to the eighth century A.D. and Harun al-Rashid. Vasco da Gama rounded the Cape of Good Hope and opened the Atlantic-Indian ocean routes to Asia in 1497. The Venetians, first

sea power of the Mediterranean in the sixteenth century, then entertained the dream. Napoleon, in 1798, directed a survey of a route. In France a *Societe d'Etudes pour le Canal de Suez* was organized in 1846. Its basis was the dream of the followers of Saint-Simon,

the "positivist," who in 1830 dreamed of regenerating the entire world. Canals through Panama and Suez were part of the Simonian program. The French society conducted surveys in 1846-47.

In 1854 Ferdinand de Lesseps came forward and organized the *Compagnie Universelle du Canal Maritime de Suez*. It was November 30, 1854. Egypt was part of the Turkish empire, but under its own viceroy. Said Pasha (for whom Port Said was later named) granted a concession to de Lesseps, revised in 1856. The company was granted all rights to construct and operate the canal for 99 years, after which it would revert to Egypt. Nasser's act of nationalization came 100 years later. However, the canal was not opened until November 1869, and the 99-year concession ran from 1869 to 1968.

It is curious that the British tried to delay and obstruct the French project. Palmerston, the British foreign minister, said the canal was a physical impossibility, that it would injure British maritime supremacy and was a French device to interfere in the East.

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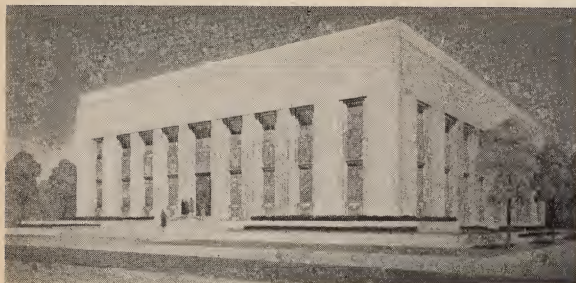
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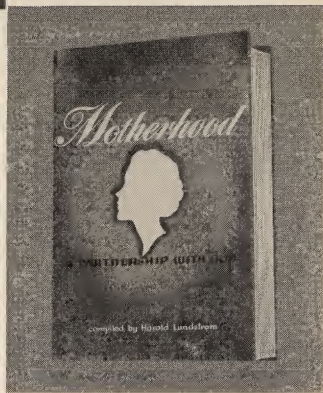
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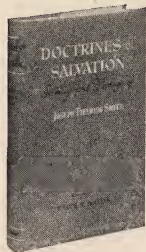
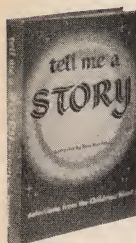


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## A Day To Day Chronology Of Church Events

### August 1956

**5** AT APPROPRIATE Sunday evening exercises in most wards and branches of the Church, the Primary commemorated the seventy-eighth anniversary of its founding.

**9** THE FIRST performance of the fifty-first annual presentation of "America's Witness for Christ," the Hill Cumorah pageant, was cut short because of rain.

**10** "AMERICA'S WITNESS FOR CHRIST," the religious pageant was presented at the Hill Cumorah, New York.

**11** PRESIDENT David O. McKay set apart Elders Morgan Hyde White and Henry Harold Jackson as counselors to President Benjamin L. Bowring of the Los Angeles Temple. Previously, President Bowring served without counselors.

Appreciative throngs witnessed the final performance of this year's presentation of "America's Witness for Christ," on the Hill Cumorah.

**18** THIS WEEK END saw the resumption of the stake conference schedule throughout the Church.

Elder Thorpe B. Isaacson of the Presiding Bishopric dedicated the Monroe South Ward chapel, South Sevier (Utah) Stake house.

The Primary Association announced the appointment of Bertha B. Proctor, Lucy C. Dutton, Norma June O. Nichols, and Amy M. Casto to the general board of the Primary.

**19** LAKE MEAD STAKE was formed from portions of Las Vegas Stake and the California Mission by Elders Delbert L. Stapley and George Q. Morris of the Council of the Twelve. It includes the Henderson First, Second, and Third wards, and Boulder City Ward, in Nevada, and the Kingman, Arizona, Ward, all from the Las Vegas Stake, and the Davis Dam and Needles branches, from the California Mission. Elder James Isaac Gibson was sustained as stake president, with Elders Richard James Taylor and Robert Owen Gibson as counselors. The Las Vegas Stake now includes the nine wards of that city. The stake presidency of the Las Vegas Stake continues with President Thomas Gay Myers and his counselors, Elders Robert Lynn Bunker and Thomas L. Adams.

Elder Stanley C. Kimball, Sr., formerly second counselor in the East Los Angeles (California) Stake presidency, was sustained as first counselor, succeeding Elder Francis Ray Brown. Elder Joseph T. Edmunds, Sr., was sustained as second counselor, succeeding Elder Kimball. President Fauntleroy Hunsaker is president of East Los Angeles Stake.

Elder Delbert L. Stapley of the Council of the Twelve dedicated the chapel in Henderson, Nevada, Lake Mead Stake.

This was a "Bring a Friend Day" at the Sunday Schools throughout the Church, the second such Sunday of three planned for this year.

**21** THIS WAS the beginning of this year's all-Church softball tournament. Teams are from Utah unless otherwise noted. Scores were:

*Junior division:* San Diego (California) Fifth 16, East Garland 1; Eugene (Oregon) 8, McKay 4; Valley View (California) 16, Menan (Idaho) Second 2; Sutherland 7, LaPoint 2; Studio City (California) 10, Liberty-Sharon (Idaho) 2; Stirling (Alberta) 10, Walnut Creek (California) 3; Clearfield Second 6, Washington 1; Castle Dale 7, Nampa (Idaho) Third 8; Vineyard 5, Ogden Twenty-seventh 3; Southgate (California) 16, Groveland (Idaho) 2; Snowflake (Arizona) Second 7, Taylorsville Second 3; Ogden Fourteenth 5, Holladay Fifth 4; Grant Fourth 12, Sugar City (Idaho) 0; Wilson 6, Logan Third 2; Salt Lake City Fifteenth 13, Chester (Idaho) 0; Cannon First 9, Weston (Idaho) 5; Salt Lake Thirtieth 17, Richfield Fourth 2.

*Senior division:* Mesa (Arizona) Tenth 5, Ogden Fourth 4; San Antonio (Texas) 2, Pocatello (Idaho) Seventeenth 0; Boise (Idaho) Seventh 4, Richfield Second 1; Palmdale (California) 11, Hyde Park 0; Richland (Washington) 4, St. George Sixth 3; Wilson 6, Logan Third 2; Kanosh 9, Calgary (Alberta) 2; Pocatello (Idaho) Twentieth 9, Bountiful Tenth 3; Terrace First 2, Valley View (California) 1; Provo Thirteenth 16, San Diego (California) Fifth 5; Orchard 6, Delta 1; Merced (California) 9, Salt Lake City Twenty-ninth 6; Pleasant Green 9, Plain City 0; Inglewood (California) 6, Myton 0; Malad (Idaho) Third 6, Grant Third 3; Butler 3, Ogden Forty-fifth 2.

Games this year were played for the

first time in the Church's new four-diamond softball park in Salt Lake City.

**22** SCORES in the annual all-Church softball tournament:

*Senior Consolation:* St. George Sixth 7, Delta Second 1; San Diego Fifth 13, Sugar City 10; Ogden Forty-fifth 4, Myton 2; Ogden Fourth 8, Plain City 4; Logan Third 10, Calgary 8; Pocatello Seventeenth 4, Richfield Second 2; Salt Lake City Twenty-ninth 10, Hyde Park 6; Valley View Second 2, Bountiful Tenth 1.

*Junior Consolation:* East Garland 7, Richfield Fourth 2; Washington 4, Chester 3 (ten innings); McKay 10, Holladay Fifth 6; Grant Third 18, Castle Gate 4; Menan Second 18, LaPoint 7; Ogden Twenty-seventh 4, Taylorsville Second 3; Liberty-Sharon 12, Walnut Creek 7; Weston 12, Groveland 6.

*Senior Championship:* Mesa Tenth 6, Pleasant Green 3; San Antonio 1, Boise Seventh 0; Palmdale 5, Merced 2; Provo Thirteenth 4, Grant Fourth 3; Orchard 12, Richland 4; Terrace First 3, Pocatello Twentieth 2; Butler 2, Inglewood 1; Wilson 15, Kanosh 1.

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**23** SCORES in today's annual all-Church softball tournament:

*Junior division:* Malad Third 4, Clearfield Second 2 (eleven innings); Cannon First 10, Vineyard 5; Studio City 6, Valley View 2; Salt Lake City Thirtieth 2, Eugene 0; South Gate 7, Snowflake Second 6; Sutherland 12, Stirling 7; Nampa Third 13, Salt Lake City Fifteenth 11; San Diego Fifth 12, Ogden Fourteenth 2; Weston 6, Ogden Twenty-seventh 0; Menan Second 15, Liberty-Sharon 8; Grant Third 6, Washington 3; East Garland 13, McKay 10.

*Senior division:* San Antonio 3, Palmdale 0; Mesa Tenth 2, Provo Thirteenth 1; Terrace First 4, Wilson 3; Orchard 6, Butler 3; Merced 8, Boise Seventh 2; Pleasant Green 8, Grant Fourth 1; Pocatello Twentieth 5, Kanosh 3; Inglewood 9, Richland 2; Salt Lake City Twenty-ninth 2, Pocatello Seventeenth 1; San Diego Fifth 4, Ogden Fourth 2; Valley View 11, Logan Third 4; St. George Sixth 5, Ogden Forty-fifth 2.

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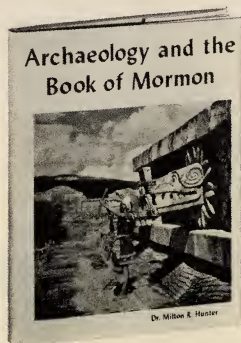
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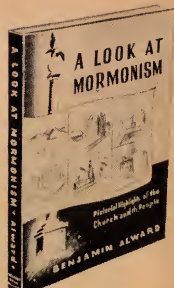
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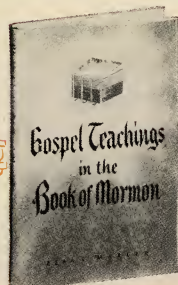
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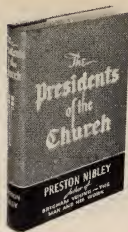
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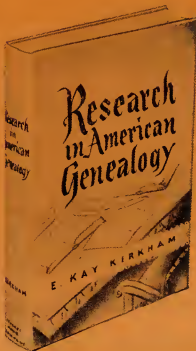


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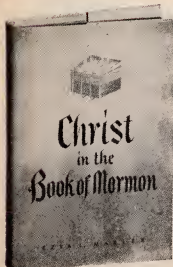
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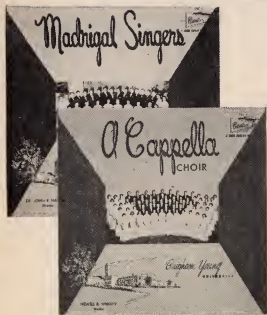
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## *Autumn Blessing*

by Marie Daerr

OH, LET ME not spurn quietness:  
The loveliness of things asleep,  
Like small, hushed paths in autumn woods  
And roots that have a tryst to keep.

Make me aware of muted shades  
Of brown and russet and old gold,  
That weave their own warm tapestry  
Against the gray of winter's cold.

Let me not miss such gifts as these:  
A last fair bud, a swallow's flight,  
A child who skips through piles of leaves,  
The early evening's amber light.

Then will my eyes see God's own steps  
In harvest field, on leaf-crowned hill,  
My ears be tuned to God's own voice . . .  
That brings me peace, if I be still.



# Poetry

## "TOMORROW" EYES

By *Blanche Kendall McKey*

WHEN, for the hour, I seem a lonely wraith  
And days long past the warm reality,  
When eyes now closed awake to shine with  
faith  
In dreams that ever were the best of me,  
"Close now the book," I sigh; "my day is  
done.  
The dawning fades; the dusk light dies"—  
And then you come, dear son of dearer son,  
And halt me with your keen "tomorrow"  
eyes.  
White hope shines through, but tender  
wounds unhealed  
Evoke the query, "Can a lad fight brawn  
With gleaming spirit-vision for a shield?"  
O Son, my years have formed an echelon!  
There is no end. I cannot close the book.  
I stiffen in the challenge of your look.

## EACH RETURNING

By *Leah Sherman*

MAKE ROOM in your design  
For urgencies returning.  
Only death writes "finis"  
To our needing.

The yellowed leaves lie crumpled  
On each October's hillside;  
But again and yet again  
April's yellow-green leafage  
Spells continuity of hope.

Turn thoughtfully the pages:  
There is no end to time—  
And no beginning. . . .

## FOR GLEANERS' HARVEST-OFFERING

—Leviticus 19:9

By *Laura Emily Mau*

THE LAST sweet autumn days have come  
For earth's last harvesting;  
The gleaners in the fields came for  
their harvest offering,

Of "corners" that men did not cut,  
Left for the gleaners' need,  
Which God commanded them to leave  
For others' needs to feed.

It proves God has provided for  
His creatures great and small;  
Impartially and ceaselessly  
Our God cares for them all.

## APPOINTMENT

By *Frances Rodman*

CAN I have time to clean the floor  
Or straighten up a bed,  
When all along the winding lane  
The trees are turning red?

I'll do the chores tomorrow,  
For work will always wait;  
But autumn passes quickly by,  
And just beyond my gate

A dashing sweep of scarlet  
Is urgent as a must.  
I'd rather meet October  
Then keep my house from dust!

## RESOLUTION IN OCTOBER

By *Eleanor Alletta Chaffee*

WHAT SHALL I wear in autumn  
When every tree is gay  
In gold and crimson, and the sky  
Spreads turquoise over day?

What shall I dream in autumn,  
Whose dreams lie, like the rose,  
Drifting with velvet petals  
The way that summer goes?

What shall I sing in autumn  
Whose songs have reached an end,  
And over the silver-throated brook  
The sighing willows bend?

I'll wear my heart in autumn  
Upon a careless sleeve;  
I'll dream the same dream over  
That April helped me weave.

I'll sing no song in autumn;  
Words are too frail by far.  
But I will cross my fingers  
And wish upon a star!



—H. Armstrong Roberts photo

## DRY OCTOBER

By *Jane Merchant*

EVEN in August the maple leaves were dry,  
Shriveled with heat, and desolately  
brown,  
Dark rainless clouds against the rainless  
sky.  
We longed for autumn winds to whirl them  
down  
And leave the burdened boughs austerely  
free.  
We knew this dry October could not hold  
A hint of former autumns' jubilee  
Of glorious red and pure translucent gold.  
But day by day the withered leaves hung  
on,  
Until one dawn we woke to find them blaz-  
ing  
With brilliant red and gold, all drabness  
gone,  
A vivid challenge to our startled gazing.  
One day they cast the old, ecstatic spell,  
And then at last, and all at once, they fell.

## SUMMER'S PASSING

By *Gene Romolo*

SO STEALTHILY Fall came, I scarcely knew  
That Summer had her gold sails tightly  
furled  
Until I heard a puckish breeze that blew  
Her farewell kisses, then somehow the world  
Had sadder grown, but not less beautiful.

## SONG OF GOLD

By *Georgia Moore Eberling*

THE AUTUMN sun is a golden globe;  
The wheat field wears a topaz robe;  
The lane is yellow as a daffodil  
Where shattered sunflower petals spill.

The corn now waves bright golden plumes;  
The goldenrod sways yellow blooms;  
The cottonwood stands like a prince  
In shades of buttercup and quince.

Slim aspens gleam in golden cloaks;  
The trailing vines and mountain oaks  
Have put on gilt as gay as the sun,  
White-trimmed in lace that spiders spun;

For always as the year grows old,  
Earth puts on tints of rose and gold  
And blooms again in joy and light  
Before November's snow-stilled night.

## WISDOM FOR THE YEARNING

By *Ruby Zagoren*

GRASS, BEHEADED by the frost,  
Is only for one season lost;

Leaves that wither and decay  
Return to shade through summer's day.

Wisdom for the hearts that yearn:  
Nothing goes without return.

## CURVE AHEAD

By *Eva Willes Wangsgaard*

THERE is a corner where the highway curves  
Abruptly round a towering mountain's  
base;

And all the lovely miles before it swerves,  
I spend alone with beauty face to face.  
The hanging gardens famed in Babylon  
Could never vie with autumn on that hill.  
In blue of shade or brilliant under sun,  
The mountain stands magnificent and still.  
This autumn loveliness is soonest lost;  
But looking back on summer cool and green,  
I would not hold this beauty from the frost,  
For winds that pluck leaf color from the  
scene

Will come equipped to cover all the scars  
With bright chalcidony and sun-kissed  
stars.

## GRACE

By *Thelma Ireland*

THE ARBOR blazes with red blooms.

With each rose is a sword,  
Protecting it while it proclaims,  
"We hereby thank thee, Lord.  
We thank thee for the sun above,  
The food beneath the sod,  
The honor thou invests in us:  
A living proof of God."

## THE IMPROVEMENT ERA





## The Tenth Part

by President David O. McKay

THE LAW OF TITHING as now understood and practised by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was given by revelation to the Prophet Joseph Smith in response to a prayer in which the Prophet sought the Lord to know "how much he required of the properties of the people for a tithing." (See D & C 119.)

To members of the Church, therefore, tithing is a law of God. No one is compelled to obey it any more than he is compelled to obey the law of baptism, and no one receives the blessing of either without obedience thereto. To those who accept the system of tithing as a law of God, nothing more need be said to convince them of the virtue of paying one-tenth of their annual interest, for if sincere, they certainly acquiesce in what is God's will; but even to those who do not so regard it, tithing makes most worthy appeal.

Tithing teaches those fundamental elements upon which strength of character rests: that is, self-control, self-denial, generosity, love for fellow man, and love for God. It is impossible for a selfish soul to enter the kingdom of heaven. Paying an honest tithe is one of the best means of overcoming these barriers to eternal happiness.

Tithing should not be given with a selfish end in view. A man who pays tithing merely to keep his name on the record will receive his reward, of course; he will have his name on the record. "Verily, he hath his reward," as the man who prayed to be seen and heard of men. But he who gives because he loves to help others and to further the cause of righteousness, who gives cheerfully and with thanksgiving in his heart, also has his reward; for in giving he is really obtaining. In losing his life for Christ's sake, he finds it. If all would thus lose themselves unselfishly in the law of tithing, there would be sufficient in the Lord's storehouse to insure the comfort and education of every person in need in the Church. The law of tithing properly lived means adequate protection for all.

Aside from these social and temporal benefits

resulting from a compliance to this law as a social factor, tithing makes its greatest appeal to the sincere mind because of its spiritual significance. It is an unfailing source of spiritual power. True and constant obedience to this law will give us as much spiritual development as will any other principle of the gospel. Inasmuch as one may not infrequently be compelled to practise self-restraint and self-denial in personal desires and perhaps personal needs, the paying of tithing develops self-mastery. Selfishness and self-love are thus supplanted by unselfishness and a love for others.

What does it mean to obey the law of sacrifice? The best shall be given to God. He said: "Take of the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks." (Deut. 12:6.) The rest you may have. Thus should God become the center of your very being.

With this thought in view, I thank my earthly father for the lesson he gave to two boys in a hayfield at a time when tithes were paid in kind. We had driven over to the field to get the tenth load of hay, and then over to a part of the meadow where we had taken the ninth load, where there was "wire grass" and "slough grass." As we started to load the hay, father called out, "No boys, drive over to the higher ground." There was timothy and redtop there. But one of the boys called back, "No, let us take the hay as it comes!"

"No, David, this is the *tenth* load, and the best is none too good for God."

That is the most effective sermon on tithing I have ever heard in my life, and it touches, I found in later life, this very principle of the law of sacrifice. You cannot develop character without obeying that law. Temptation is going to come to you in this life. You sacrifice your appetites; you sacrifice your passions for the glory of God; and you gain the blessing of an upright character and spirituality. That is a fundamental truth.

The man who is honest with the Lord is honest with himself and is blessed exceedingly.

## The Editor's Page

## Little Children in the Celestial Kingdom

**Question:** "The following question was discussed in our Sunday School, and it caused some wide difference of opinion. When an infant dies, will it be exalted into the celestial kingdom? Some members of the class expressed the thought that because children die before reaching the age of accountability they will be exalted into the celestial kingdom the same as those who live and endure to the end upon the earth. Others feel that those infants who die before eight years of age will still have to be tried and tempted at some time after the resurrection just as adults are here and that they will have to earn their place in the celestial kingdom after enduring such trials. Will you give us some help on the question?"

**Answer:** IN THE IMPROVEMENT ERA of December 1954, page 862, there is an answer to the question of salvation of little children covering much of this question. From the days of the Prophet Joseph Smith until now, articles have been published repeatedly answering the question in relation to the salvation and exaltation of little children. It would be well if we could get some questions settled once and for all time so that they will not have to be repeated. It would be well if members of the Church would do more studying of the fundamental principles of the gospel as the Lord has commanded us to do.

Little children who die before the age of accountability are saved in the celestial kingdom. The Prophet Joseph Smith received this knowledge by vision in the Kirtland Temple, January 21, 1836. On that occasion it was shown that "... all children who die before they arrive at the years of accountability are saved in the celestial kingdom of heaven."<sup>1</sup> Serious thinking would tell us that if these children are saved, they are not subject to a later trial by the temptation and buffeting of Satan. The Savior taught his disciples when in their presence this doctrine as plainly as words can tell.<sup>2</sup> Revelations given in our day also show that little children who are deprived of the experiences in mortal life are, by eternal decree, redeemed from the temptation of Satan.<sup>3</sup> Such

revelations are perfectly clear and should be beyond dispute.

Our Eternal Father is just, as well as merciful. It would be an injustice to little children who die in early life to deprive them of the opportunity to obtain all the blessings that are promised to adults who are faithful and true in this life. A doctrine which would deprive little children of such blessings borders on the corrupt teaching which has persisted almost since the passing of the ancient apostles and which is one of the outstanding notions which points so clearly to the apostasy in primitive days. It will be interesting to have a glimpse at this abominable practice and doctrine which has brought misery to the souls of thousands of parents who have lost their little ones.

The Catholic Encyclopedia states: "The absolute necessity of this sacrament [baptism] is often insisted on by the Fathers of the Church, especially when they speak of infant baptism." It quotes St. Irenaeus as saying: "Christ came to save all who are reborn through Him to God, infants, children, and youths" (*infantes et parvulos et pueros*). This reference attributes these words to St. Augustine: "If you wish to be a Catholic, do not believe, nor say, nor teach, that infants who die before baptism can obtain the remission of original sin." And again: "Whoever says that even infants are vivified in Christ when they depart this life without the participation of His sacrament (Baptism), both opposes the Apostolic preaching and condemns the whole Church, which has taken to baptize infants, because it unhesitatingly believes that otherwise they can not possibly be vivified in Christ."<sup>4</sup>

St. Ambrose is quoted as having said that "No one is excepted, not the infant, not the one hindered by any necessity." In the Pelagian controversy are found similarly strong pronouncements by the Councils of Carthage and Milevis, and of Pope Innocent I. The explanation is made that because of the church's belief in the necessity of baptism as a means to salvation, as was already noted by St. Augustine, the Church committed the power of baptism in certain contingencies even to laymen and women.

Catholic theologians are unanimous in declaring that "infants dying without baptism are excluded from the

<sup>1</sup>Documentary History, Vol. 2:381.

<sup>2</sup>Matt. 18:6-10; 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16.

<sup>3</sup>D & C 29:46-48; Mosiah 15:24-25; Moroni 8:10-14.

<sup>4</sup>The Catholic Encyclopedia, p. 265, Article on Baptism.



beatific vision," but concerning the state of such souls in the next world they do not agree. While it is certain that unbaptized infants must endure the pain of loss, (*Paena Domni*), it is not at all certain that they are subject to the pain of sense (*Paena Sensus*). St. Augustine taught that unbaptized infants would not be exempt from the pain of sense, but at the same time it would be of the mildest form. St. Gregory Nazianzen expresses the belief that such infants would suffer only the pain of loss. . . .

"Since the twelfth century, the opinion of the majority of theologians has been that unbaptized infants are immune from all pain of sense."<sup>5</sup>

So we see that it was not long after the departure of the apostles that the most damnable heresies crept into the theological teachings and practices and destroyed the church. How grateful Latter-day Saints should be that the truth has been restored. The spirit of every child born into this world was mature in the pre-existence. We lived in the presence of our Eternal Father. We were taught his laws and obeyed them. We had knowledge and understanding far beyond anything we gain in this life. Naturally that which we gained by obedience in the pre-existence will in the next world be restored to us. The main purpose of mortal life, we may be sure, is to obtain tabernacles of flesh and bones, and then to be tried and proved through our deeds in the body. If an infant dies, it has obtained its body. The body does not grow in the grave, but the spirit returns to await the resurrection. Following the resurrection the infant will grow to the full stature of its spirit. The spirit and body become inseparably connected, and every privilege to obtain the exaltation given to mortals will be given to those who die in infancy. Justice demands that this be done. I recommend to readers of *THE IMPROVEMENT ERA* the teachings of President Joseph F. Smith as found in *Gospel Doctrine*. From those teachings the following paragraphs are taken.

"But, with little children who are taken away in infancy and innocence before they have reached the years of accountability, and are not capable of committing sin, the gospel reveals to us the fact that they are redeemed, and Satan has no power over them. Neither has death any power over them. They are redeemed by the blood of Christ, and they are saved just as surely as death has come into the world through the fall of our first parents. It is further written that Satan has no power over men or women, except that power which he gains over them in this world. In other words, none of the children of the Father who are redeemed through obedience, faith, repentance, and baptism for the remission of sins, and who live in that redeemed condition, and die in that condition are subject to Satan. Therefore, he has no power over them. They are absolutely beyond his reach just as little children are who die without sin. To my mind this is a consolation and a glorious truth that my soul delights in. I am grateful to my Heavenly Father that he has revealed it unto me, for it affords a consolation that nothing else can give, and it brings a joy to my spirit that nothing can take away, except the consciousness on my part of having sinned and transgressed against light and knowledge which I may have possessed.

"Under these circumstances, our beloved friends who

are now deprived of their little one have great cause for joy and rejoicing, even in the midst of the deep sorrow that they feel at the loss of their little one for a time. They know he is all right; they have the assurance that their little one has passed away without sin. Such children are in the bosom of the Father. They will inherit their glory and their exaltation, and they will not be deprived of the blessings that belong to them; for, in the economy of heaven, and in the wisdom of the Father, who doeth all things well, those who are cut down as little children are without any responsibility for their taking off, they, themselves, not having the intelligence and wisdom to take care of themselves and to understand the laws of life; and, in the wisdom and mercy and economy of God our Heavenly Father, all that could have been obtained and enjoyed by them if they had been permitted to live in the flesh will be provided for them hereafter. They will lose nothing by being taken away from us in this way.

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"The spirits of our children are immortal before they come to us, and their spirits, after bodily death, are, like they were before they came. They are as they would appear if they had lived in the flesh, to grow to maturity, or to develop their physical bodies to the full stature of their spirits. If you see one of your children that has passed away it may appear to you in the form in which you would recognize it, the form of childhood; but if it came to you as a messenger bearing some important truth, it would perhaps come as the spirit of Bishop Edward Hunter's son (who died when a little child) came to him, in the stature of full-grown manhood, and revealed himself to his father, and said: 'I am your son.'

"Bishop Hunter did not understand it. He went to my father and said: 'Hyrum what does that mean? I buried my son when he was only a little boy, but he has come to me as a full grown man, a noble, glorious, young man, and declared himself my son. What does it mean?'

"Father (Hyrum Smith, the Patriarch) told him that the Spirit of Jesus Christ was full-grown before he was born into the world; and so your children were full-grown and possessed their full stature in the spirit, before they entered mortality, the same stature that they will possess after they have passed away from mortality, and as they will also appear after the resurrection, when they shall have completed their mission.

"Joseph Smith taught the doctrine that the infant child that was laid away in death would come up in the resurrection as a child; and, pointing to the mother of a lifeless child, he said to her 'You will have the joy, the pleasure, and satisfaction of nurturing this child, after its resurrection, until it reaches the full stature of its spirit.' There is restitution, there is growth, there is development, after the resurrection from death. I love this truth. It speaks volumes of happiness, of joy and gratitude to my soul. Thank the Lord he has revealed these principles to us."<sup>6</sup>

*Joseph Fielding Smith*

<sup>5</sup>*Ibid.*, page 267.

<sup>6</sup>*Gospel Doctrine*, pp. 452-456.



Brother and Sister Kirkham on their Golden Wedding Anniversary, 1954.

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Musical brothers, James K. (Oscar's father), Joseph, Hyrum, and George Kirkham. Standing, left to right, Oscar's mother, and Grandfather and Grandmother Kirkham.



Ten-year-old Oscar with his father James K. Kirkham.





# Kirkham

A master storyteller, Brother Kirkham entertains Scouts of Region 12 at Mt. Lassen, California.

No man goes about a more godly business than he who is concerned with the right upbringing of his own and other people's children.—Aristotle

THE MEASURE of a man's value to society is his constructive influence in the world. That may be best determined by the answer to these questions: Has he made the world a better place in which to live? When he is gone, will what he built up tumble down?

Judged by these standards Elder Oscar A. Kirkham will qualify for a place among the good and great of his day. In his youth, he gave promise of the achievements which have crowned his mature years. More than half a century of his colorful life has been dedicated to building men, the supreme work of the world. He has the rare and precious gift of moving people to righteousness, of awakening their slumbering souls and giving direction to their lives. He motivates. From his luminous soul he kindles the souls of others. This is one of his gifts. He loves to help people. Wherever you find him, he is doing something for others, promoting their friendship, looking after their welfare, seeking to make them happy. When Elder Kirkham carried a crippled Swiss boy on his shoulders up a steep mountainside so that the boy

could see the Matterhorn, he gave us an example of his gracious willingness to help others.

Elder Kirkham is a field marshal on the battleground where character is forged and is happiest where the action is the heaviest. That is where he shines, where he best demonstrates his ability. His towering figure and clarion voice, his ready grasp of any situation put him in command and make him a brilliant leader.

Elder Oscar A. Kirkham was born in Lehi, Utah County, Utah, seventy-

six years ago, January 22, 1880. He is the son of James K. and Martha Mercer Kirkham. His father was a musician and a merchant. He was a kindly, religious man, steadfast in his allegiance to the Church, upright in all his dealings, highly respected by his neighbors. His mother, Martha Mercer Kirkham, was from distinguished pioneer stock. Although she died while still a young woman, she left forever the impress of her nobility upon her eight children. She was indeed a great mother. Her children prove it. They are superior men and women. This is due in no small measure to her wise and saintly influence. She bequeathed to her children that precious but intangible something that makes one "hungry and thirst after righteousness." That is one of the greatest inheritances, and her heritage to her children.

She had a premonition that this son, Oscar, would do a great work in his time—that he was a child of destiny. However, she did not live to rejoice in his achievements.

In his childhood and youth Oscar did what most country boys do—hoed the garden, milked the cows, thinned the beets, marketed produce, and went to school. In the school of his home town he met a young teacher, George N. Child, who recognized this tall

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Martha Mercer Kirkham, Oscar's mother.



Children and grandchildren gather for Brother and Sister Kirkham's Golden Wedding Anniversary.

## Oscar A. Kirkham

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boy's possibilities and not only inspired him to work but also filled him with a desire to win a place in the world. Brother Kirkham owes much to his fellow townsman, George N. Child, who became one of the distinguished educators of the state of Utah.

At seventeen years of age Oscar entered Brigham Young University [then academy] at Provo and was later graduated from that institution. Since then he has twice served as president of the alumni association and at present is the first vice president of the Emeritus Club.

The story of how he obtained his education with little or no financial help is stimulating to all ambitious young men. During the first winter in Provo he lived in the loft of a granary with another Lehi boy of promise, James T. Worlton, who won distinction as an educator. In those days a sack of potatoes cost fifty cents and a hundred pounds of flour, three dollars. These items with a little home-cured bacon would feed two

boys for most of a school quarter. Plain living and high thinking often go together.

Because Brother Kirkham loved the stage and had an exceptional baritone voice, he soon became prominent in school dramatics. His vocal teachers thought he had great possibilities as a singer and encouraged him to go to Germany to study. After graduating from Brigham Young Academy he did spend three years in Germany

studying under some of the ablest vocal teachers. He made splendid progress and appeared on some important musical programs in that country. Being deeply religious, he often joined with the missionaries in their work.

On his return to America he taught music at the Ricks Academy in Rexburg, Idaho. He also instructed private pupils, and through his boundless energy he was soon able to repay the money borrowed for his schooling in Germany.

Elder Kirkham now began to feel that if he were to make music his career he needed further training in the art of teaching. Accordingly, he went to Columbia University in New York City, where he studied two and one-half years. In order to help meet his expenses he sang in a choir in New York and did some teaching. The head of the music department of the university assigned him to coach a group of students who could not meet the required standards. Under his direction they made remarkable progress, proving his ability as a teacher. In the final examinations these pupils were among the best.



As a young man.



On his return to Salt Lake City he became head of the department of music at the LDS University, a position he held for five years.

Elder Kirkham became a member of the general board of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association on August 25, 1912, and continued to serve on the board until October 10, 1948.

In the summer of 1911 the Scout movement had been recognized by the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association, and in 1913 the MIA Scouts, on invitation from the National Council, affiliated with and became part of the Boy Scouts of America. The official act of the executive board of the National Council was taken May 2, 1913, at which time the general board of the YMMIA was given a charter covering the entire Church.

In 1919 Brother Kirkham became field secretary of the YMMIA and later executive secretary of that auxiliary. Now began his remarkable career as a leader of young people. As such he has had few equals. This great organization soon began to feel the quickening touch of his vitalizing leadership. It was here that he came in contact with scouting.



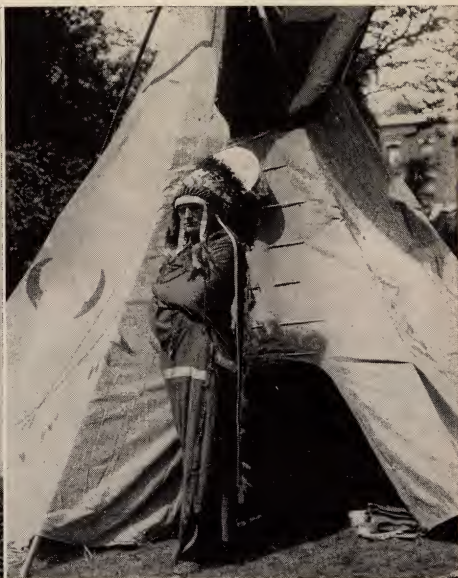
President Oscar A. Kirkham's first love and primary concern is his office as a Seventy in the Church. Here he is flanked by his brethren of the First Council of the Seventy.

In April 1919 he was appointed Scout executive of the Salt Lake Council of Boy Scouts of America. In November 1925, he was made associate executive of Region 12, consisting of Utah, Nevada, Arizona,

California, and the Hawaiian Islands.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints adopted early the plan of the Boy Scouts of America as part of its program for youth, and has

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Brother Kirkham was presented an Indian headdress when he became a member of the staff of Region 12, which includes Utah, Nevada, Arizona, California, and Hawaii.

"An Indian chief" at the 1953 World Jamboree of Scouting in London.

## Oscar A. Kirkham

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had almost from the beginning a higher percentage of its boys registered in scouting than has any other church. Brother Kirkham served the YMMIA under general superintendents Anthony W. Ivins, George Albert Smith, Albert E. Bowen, and George Q. Morris.

He has attended six world Scout jamborees, six national jamborees in the United States, and many sectional gatherings, and has served as morale officer at all of them. This is a highly important assignment. Keeping thousands of restless boys interested and happy and maintaining a high spiritual atmosphere, requires superb leadership.

In forty years the Scout program has reached impressive proportions. In the United States there are more than four million Scouts with more than eight hundred thousand officers and leaders. In this group which has attracted men of distinguished leadership and ability, stands the towering figure of Oscar A. Kirkham. It was in scouting that he had the opportunity to demonstrate his leadership and to make his supremely significant contribution to the manhood of the Church and the nation.

At October conference, 1941, Elder Kirkham was sustained a member of the First Council of the Seventy. This was the climax of years of Church service.

As a seventy, Elder Kirkham has visited the stakes and missions of the Church and has inspired the members with renewed faith and devotion. These fifteen years, along with the many preceding them, have been dedicated to the promotion of the



Brother Kirkham with the Salt Lake Council of BSA, wearing silver buffalo award.

great work designated for the seventies of the Church—that of proclaiming the gospel to the inhabitants of the earth. In this capacity he has continued his great service to all people and has unfailingly demonstrated his devotion to the work of the Lord. In this calling he feels he has met the most significant responsibility of his dedicated life. And yet he has met it in the honest humility of being “the least of these.”

The walls of Elder Kirkham's office are adorned with tokens, trophies, citations, and tributes of appreciation. We submit a few letters and citations.

At the MIA conference June 20, 1948, the following citation was read:

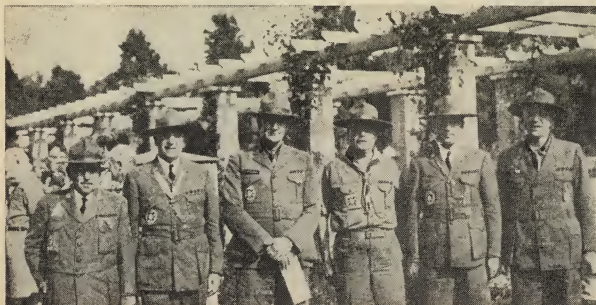
### OSCAR A. KIRKHAM

Dean of the General Board of the YMMIA

Member of the Committee upon whose recommendation the program of the Boy Scouts of America was adopted by the Church in 1913. Thirty-five years' service

in the Boy Scout movement. First Scout Executive in the Salt Lake Council. Many years a member of the staff of Region Twelve. Member of the National Staff at five World Jamborees and the great National Jamboree held in Washington, D. C., in 1937; [In all, Elder Kirkham has attended six world jamborees, six national, and many other sectional gatherings of the Boy Scouts.] including membership at International conference of leaders, where he presented a paper on “The Patrol Method.” Led sixty thousand Scouts at the New York World's Fair in the Scout Oath and the National Anthem. Honorary member of the Boy Scouts of France and Greece. Selected to present the bronze statuette of Scouting to the Queen of Holland at the World Jamboree in behalf of the American Delegation. At France, in 1947, with International leaders, was made Chief “Elk” of the Blackfoot Indian Tribe and was also presented with the Cross of Jerusalem by chief religious leader of Boy Scouts of France. For many years, “Oscar” was the executive secretary of the YMMIA. He introduced and gave leadership to the plan

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Brother Kirkham with other members of the American World Staff Delegation of the BSA, at 1934 Boy Scout Jamboree.



With Scouts at the World Jamboree of 1929 in Budapest.





Wid Tingey as Tim Morgan, the returned missionary, asks for Janet's hand, played by Mary Anderson.

**H**OW TO MAKE virtue an appealing way of life without making it overly sentimental, has long been an attempt of the entire Church, including each organization and auxiliary. How can we effectively tell young people the story of living a good, clean life? With this in mind, the YWMA investigated the possibility of a motion picture to tell this story, and the script, "How Near to the Angels," was authorized.

The conflict in the play is one that frequently arises among our young people. To watch the scenes unfold and feel the suspense that carries the story to its final solution will provide additional strength and courage for youth in their resolution to live clean lives.

Brigham Young University motion picture department began shooting "How Near to the Angels," February 13, 1956, and completed it (except for minor shots) June 6. Twenty-seven sets were utilized, including four Latter-day Saint chapels and the MIA Girls' Home in Provo Canyon. Eight sets were designed and constructed by the staff, six of which were used on the sound stage and two constructed on location.

The cast includes: Mary Anderson, Evanston, Illinois, a BYU junior who plays the leading role as Janet Howard; Wid Tingey, Salt Lake City, President, BYU student body for 1955-56, who has the part of Tim Morgan (interestingly enough Wid is a grandson of Martha Home Tingey, second general president of the YW



Andre Mostert, Ada Whipple as the mother, and Mary Anderson take position, as Director Wetzel O. Whitaker (kneeling next to camera) and Glen MacWilliams prepare to "shoot" the action.

MIA); Andre Mostert, Brent Brockbank, and Jean Reese Jenkins of Provo, who play major parts, supported by Lethe Tatge, Emily Coleman of Midway; Ada Whipple, Mary Deane Clark, Jeniveve Jacobs, JoAnn Thomas, Pat Boyce, all of Provo; Madge Thorn of Springville; and Rae Larsen of Idaho Falls, Idaho.

In addition nearly 500 extras were involved in the various crowd scenes, such as the MIA basketball game and the Gold and Green Ball.

Head of the motion picture staff is Wetzel O. Whitaker, formerly of Walt Disney Studios, now bishop of Edgemont First Ward. He was ably

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HAVING CONSIDERED Egypt and Mesopotamia, the friends moved by inexorable degrees into the epic worlds of Ugarit and the Hurrians, the Hittites, the Phoenicians, the Greeks, the Persians, the Romans, the Celts, the Germans and Scandinavians, the Slavs, and the heroic cultures of the late Middle Ages, which take their cue from the Arabs and Persians, from whom also come the heroic traditions of modern nations. In some of these areas Professor F. and his friend Blank had the advantage of Schwulst himself, and insisted on prolonging the discussions to such lengths that it is impossible to follow them here. Although we must pass by many heroic epics and ages for want of space to do them justice, some of the newer finds are so significant for the study of the book of *Ether* that we must give them at least a passing glance on our way back to the Jaredites.

First of all, there is a surprising new development involving the patriarchs of the Old Testament. Recent studies on Abraham have emphasized that great patriarch's dual role as a chief of wandering nomads on the one hand and a highly educated representative of the great and sophisticated civilizations of Babylonia and Egypt on the other. The discovery that Abraham lived in a house as well as a tent came as a great surprise in the 1930's: "We had been accustomed to think of Abraham as a simple dweller in tents," writes Sir Leonard Woolley, "and find him a possible occupant of a sophisticated brick house in a city."<sup>1</sup> This is a reminder that the tent life and city life, far from being mutually exclusive, normally go together in heroic ages. And to follow Cyrus Gordon, Abraham's age was certainly a heroic one.

"Abraham was of Mesopotamian origin," writes Gordon, "and his son and grandson married girls from their kin in Mitanni. At the same time, Egyptian blood was in the Patriarchal household. . . . The Patriarchal Hebrews enjoyed the ideal spot and the ideal time to fall heir to the rich and varied heritage of the ancient Near East; when Egypt and Babylon were nearly spent, the pastoral and semi-nomadic purity of Patriarchal life saved the Hebrews from the decadence of that cosmopolitan age."<sup>2</sup> The age in question, according to Gordon, was

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the Amarna period, "the pivotal era of the ancient Near East. In it were blended the civilizations of Mesopotamia, Anatolia, Canaan, Caphtor and Egypt."<sup>3</sup> He thus places Abraham a full six hundred years later than conventional scholarship dates him. But the earlier period, *circa* 2000 B.C., was also a typical heroic age like the Amarna period, a time when the whole ancient world was overrun by great mixed hordes under the leadership of chieftains who drove horse-drawn chariots, had formidable new weapons, and bore Aryan, that is Indo-European, names. Both ages were typical migration times, times of world upheaval and collapse of great civilizations. A scholar who places Abraham in the earlier period tells us that his father Terah belonged to "a motley and mobile population," moving among the cities of Mesopotamia," and asserts that "it would not be surprising to discover at Mari (a city in northern Mesopotamia) a record of Terah's request of Zimrilim for permission to pass through his territories!"<sup>4</sup>

"Motley" societies, we should note, are not the product of long evolution or stable conditions. Such are only the result of the throwing together of enforced migrants in a time of crisis. The hosts that conquered and occupied both Egypt and Mesopotamia in the early second millennium, and the People of the Sea and their relatives who struck again in the fourteenth century B.C., were such mixed hordes. Abraham has close family ties with the great contemporary "heroic" civilization of the Hurrians, but what puts the genuine heroic stamp on his doings, according to Gordon, is first of all the authentic saga character of the patriarchal biblical narrative. Certain things in those narratives, such as romantic marriage and contests between brothers, are found only in heroic literature and heroic ages. "Just as the social institutions of the narratives are

paralleled in Nuzu, the literary motifs of the narratives are paralleled often and plainly enough in the legends of Ugarit."<sup>5</sup> Now the Nuzu texts referred to have a Hurrian background, while the Ugaritic texts, though ritual and liturgical in nature, are full of genuine epic material.

Thus in the Ugaritic story of Baal we find that hero passionately declaring: "Whether king or commoner be invested with sovereignty over the land, Respects I will not send to the God Mot, nor greetings to Il's beloved, the hero!"<sup>6</sup> This is the old story of the great lord who refuses to pay respects to another great lord lest it look like submission. Meanwhile the position of his bitter rival Mot is clear. "He meditates in his inwards: 'I alone am he who will rule over the gods, Yea, command gods and men, even dominate the multitudes of the earth.'"<sup>7</sup> This statement followed a vain attempt to seize Baal's throne of dominion on the cedar mountain. In threatening terms the world is told to submit to Mot: "at the feet of Mot bow and fall, prostrate yourselves and honor him!" He has a magnificent golden throne made for him and a golden bowl, objects which from their description are like those which have been unearthed at Tepe Gawra, according to our editor, and go back to the middle of the fourth millennium B.C., which may be almost in Jaredite times.<sup>8</sup> Next there is a penalty mentioned against the hero who smote "Lotan, the writhing serpent, Didst destroy the crooked serpent the accursed one of seven heads." Again this puts us in mind of the many archaic Mesopotamian seals depicting the hero fighting with a flaming serpent. What is the origin of the Hydra, the seven-headed serpent, whose heads only multiply as fast as they are cut off? The only thing to suggest it in actual experience is the attempt to cut down pestiferous creatures that have one hopelessly outnumbered. It seemed to the pio-





Old Testament patriarch Abraham belonged to an heroic age, and was a highly educated representative of the great civilizations of Babylonia and Egypt.

neers that every cricket killed only made way for seven more. Whenever one looks in the early epics there is the same clear and vivid memory of a great plague of serpents, of which the book of Ether gives us the fullest and best description.

Next our Baal epic reports a great assembly of the gods on *Hmry*, which Gordon identifies with Mt. Hermon.<sup>10</sup> This assembly is often mentioned in the Jewish apocryphal writings as the assembly of the Fallen Ones that took place on Mt. Hermon after the flood. There we are told they founded a world-order which was in imitation and opposition to God's order, but which succeeded in oppressing the human race by its false authority.<sup>11</sup> These apocryphal writings have always been thought to be mere fantasies, the medieval inventions of overwrought oriental imaginations,

but the Ras Shamra fragments now vindicate their antiquity. In the end, according to the latter, "all the gods finally go and submit to Mot who is the Devil, in the city of Mt. Hermon (*Hmry*), while Aliyan Baal also submits to the haughty and glorious Mot."<sup>12</sup> This submission is by messenger, as in the other heroic tales we have considered.

In the light of these newly found epic texts, our whole idea of Hebrew beginnings must be changed. "The magnificent structure of Old Testament higher criticisms is not to be brushed aside," writes Gordon, "but its individual results can no longer be accepted unless they square with the Hebrew text as we can now understand it in the light of parallel literatures from the pagan forerunners and contemporaries of the Hebrews, in Bible lands."<sup>13</sup> If men have missed

the point of Ether entirely, so have they missed the point of the patriarchal narratives of the Bible. Both sources now take us back to the same heroic world.

Of particular interest to students of the Jaredites and the epic milieu is the very recently discovered Phoenician inscription of Karatepe, dated variously between 800 and 725 B. C. The inscription was ordered by King Azitawaddu, who behaves "after the manner of the Assyrians," though his people are the Dananians. "I restored the Dananians," he boasts. "I extended the land of the Plain of Adana from the rising of the sun unto its setting. . . . I established peace with every King . . . and I builded fortresses in all the remotest borders, in the places in which there were lawless fellows, chiefs of robber bands, none of whom had been submissive to the house of Mushpi." It is the old familiar story, including the classification of all who refuse submission to Shiz or Coriantumr as outlaws:

I, Azitawaddu, placed them beneath my feet (i.e., the robber bands), and I built fortresses in those places so that the Dananians might inhabit them . . . and I humbled mighty lands in the west. . . . I brought them down; I settled them at my extreme borders in the east."

He sets up a center of control for all his conquests and gives it his own name: "I built this city, and I determined (its) name Azitawaddiya, because Ba'al and Rephes of the he-goats they made me to build it . . . that it might be a bulwark for the Plain of Adana and for the House of Mupshu. . . . So I have built this city, named it Azitawaddiya, and enthroned the son of Ba'al and instituted sacrifices."<sup>14</sup> Note that the city does not grow up gradually, but is founded by the great chief, as Jaredite cities were, and given his name. "And this city shall possess grain and wine, and this people whose children shall dwell [here] shall possess cattle and sheep and grain and wine . . . and they shall be exceedingly mighty, and they shall serve exceedingly well unto Azitawaddu and to the House of Mupshu for the sake of Ba'al and the gods."

A clearer exposition of the system and purpose of city founding as we explained it in *The World of the Jaredites* could not be asked.<sup>15</sup> But what rings the heroic note in our inscription is the magic name of "the

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House of Mopsu." For this Mopsu is none other than the Mopsus who figures so largely in the Greek heroic legends that "scientific" scholarship has always believed to be nature myths.

"In our text," writes the editor, "we thus have a tangible approach to this hero of Greek saga, who, born of Manto, the daughter of Teiresias, came to Cilicia before the fall of Troy."<sup>16</sup> In southeast Asia Minor the legendary Mopsus built three famous cities, and here in a tangible inscription we find a descendant of his building and dedicating another city, and a very real one. The German critical method long since decided that the idea of heroes building cities (a very conspicuous theme in the book of *Ether*) was purely mythological fancy, since cities, like everything else, were required by the prevailing scientific theory to be the product of a slow and gradual evolution.<sup>17</sup>

But to return to our Ugaritic texts of five hundred years earlier. In them "the currents of the Semitic and Indo-European worlds crossed. The Semitic cultural elements . . . included a strong admixture from Mesopotamia. The Indo-European elements embraced the Hittite and especially the Minoan."<sup>18</sup> Since those words were written, we have learned that the Minoans were our cousins the Greeks. All the great races and cultures of antiquity seem here to be mixed up together in an heroic "swarming-time." And the figures of the Old Testament are in it with the rest:

The importance of the epic tradition underlying prose biblical history down to David's reign, though long surmised, is first beginning to take concrete shape. . . . We are now able to see that an epic approach (if not an actual epic stage) underlying our prose accounts has affected the content of presolomonic Hebrew history.

In the composition of this history Gordon finds "a distinctive epic attitude," which gives priority in the histories to those things which would "be included in the epic repertoire . . . events of epic allure," which enjoys a conspicuous place in the pre-Solomonic histories.<sup>19</sup>

### THE HITTITES AND OTHERS

Until the 1920's all that was known about the Hittites was that Abraham

had dealings with them. Now we know them as the oldest representatives of our Indo-European languages and customs and a people quite as ancient as the Egyptians or Babylonians. Their society was remarkably heroic. The king lived in a state of constant migration, in the summer going forth on his sacred mission of conquering and subduing the world, in the winter moving from city to city in a sacred progress which was regarded as a single protracted festival called the *nuntariashhash*.<sup>20</sup> The king was the ruler of the world, the ever-victorious conqueror who moved forward in the thunder,<sup>21</sup> yet his office was elective "as among the Anglo-Saxons and other Germanic peoples."<sup>22</sup> As a result, Hittite history begins with the grim rivalry between two kings who have been nominated by competing groups of great lords, "and the subsequent history of the kingdom is fraught with revolts and rebellions on the part of the king's kinsmen."<sup>23</sup> It is the old Jaredite story all over again!

The Hittite kings, like the Jaredites, exchanged messengers and letters with rivals whom they challenged to personal combat and whose followers they tried to "draw off." Thus the greatest Hittite ruler writes to his equally great Hurrian rival: "The people of Kizuwatna are Hittite cattle and have chosen their stable; they have deserted the Hurrian and gone over to My Majesty."<sup>24</sup> Among the Hittites "the king's kinsmen, called the 'Great Family,' enjoyed special privileges, which they constantly abused."<sup>25</sup> The usual things happened: when a Hittite king was actually taking Babylon about 1600 B.C., his son the crown prince was leading a conspiracy of princes against him at home; the unfilial son was banished but his youthful successor was murdered upon returning home from a campaign by his brother-in-law. This set off "a sorry period of palace murders and intrigues . . . which lasted for several generations and reduced the kingdom to a condition little short of anarchy."<sup>26</sup> In one letter we read of a noble who came as a fugitive to the Hittite king from the oppression of the great lord Attarissiyas (identified by Forrer with the Greek hero Atreus). The Hittite king bestowed a dukedom on his noble suppliant

and saved him when the Lord Attarissiyas tracked him down and attacked him in his mountain domain. And what did our noble do to show his gratitude? He joined forces with the terrible Attarissiyas and raided the lands of his Hittite benefactor!<sup>27</sup>

What could ever bind such men to allegiance? Ties of marriage (all the great Hittite houses were intermarried), and especially oaths! The oath is almost an obsession with the Hittites. Every vassal swore to be eternally faithful to his lord and to support him against all his enemies, and every year the eternal oath of fealty was renewed (just to play safe) along with a formal payment of tribute. Anyone who failed in his oath and tribute was brought to the palace and kept in dignified imprisonment there, for in theory no noble could be put to death, being himself a free agent.<sup>28</sup> Nobody else in the state was free, all others existing simply to serve and support the nobles. Workers were bound to the land and could not marry outside the estate on which they lived.<sup>29</sup> "The Hittite state was the creation of an exclusive caste superimposed on the indigenous population of the country."<sup>30</sup> We read of a king who punished a perjurer by taking his sword from his side and making him a farmer.<sup>31</sup> With intriguing princes all about, revolution was always just around the corner, and the king was actually the leader of an army of occupation. We are told that the first Hittite king, after subduing the whole land, sent his sons "each to every part of the land . . . and governed the land, and the great cities of the land were assigned to them."<sup>32</sup> The empire was a mesh of fortified cities, these cities actually being but permanent fortified camps to which the king would summon all his vassals to take the oath to him before setting out on the spring campaign.<sup>33</sup> Each city controlled the very active business and commercial life of the empire (for the Hittites were great businessmen) through its "city messengers," and special commissioners. The more important centers had in each a prince and a palace, the palace, being both temple, fortress, and "a transmission and control center for the passage of wares."<sup>34</sup> So let us not imagine that there was anything

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THE LARGEST single purchase most families of today make is usually a home. Because home purchases are a once-in-a-lifetime proposition for most families, they do not always consider the many implications which are involved in home purchase and home ownership. This is especially true of young couples who are buying their first home. They sometimes walk blindly into a purchase only to regret it a short time later, and many times the costs involved are more than the family can meet. The purchase of a new home is easier to day than ever before, and because of this young couples are liable to take on financial obligations which they cannot afford. They usually fail to consider items involved in home purchasing such as taxes, insurance, assessments, heat and utilities, repairs and maintenance, and cost of transportation to place of employment. In many instances these are in addition to the monthly payments necessary to amortize the mortgage.

How large an obligation one is financially capable of assuming varies with the individual family. However, bankers state that the initial cost of



the house and land should not exceed two and one-half times the annual income of the head of the household.

If one's annual income is \$6,000, one should not consider a home costing more than \$15,000. Also, one must presume that his income will remain stable at \$6,000 each year (or go higher) during the term of the mortgage.

Cash outlays during the initial purchase and occupancy period usually amount to more than the down payment. Items such as appraisal fee, title search, escrow charges, mortgage recording fee, tax on mortgage or deed, and moving expenses should be con-

sidered. These alone may total five hundred dollars and are in addition to the down payment. Also, don't forget your deposits on utilities, your draperies and blinds, landscaping, clothesline poles, floor coverings, and furnishings. If furnishings must be financed, the income must be proportionately higher.

Many other considerations must be taken into account before one purchases a home. Items such as deed restrictions, understood by very few, may cause a couple to lose their home. Deeds and other papers should be read carefully and thoroughly to avoid any misunderstanding. Buyers should insist on title insurance, which is usually provided by the seller at his expense.

The over-all cost of a home can be reduced considerably by paying off the mortgage principal as fast as possible; for example, the home owner pays \$142 more interest on each \$1,000 borrowed at  $4\frac{1}{2}$  percent if a loan runs for twenty years instead of fifteen. Total interest on a loan of \$10,000 at  $4\frac{1}{2}$  percent for twenty years would amount to \$5,190, while the same loan for fifteen years would be only \$3,770. In thirty years the interest would nearly equal the principal at \$8,241.20.

A case in point would be two families with a \$10,000 mortgage to amortize. One family desires to pay its loan off in fifteen years. It will pay a total interest of \$3,770.

A second family, who desires to pay its loan off in twenty-five years, will pay a total interest of \$6,677. Not only will the first family have ownership of the home ten years prior to the second, but it also will have saved \$2,907 in interest payments.

Another vital point to consider in long-term home financing is interest rates. The owner of a mortgage in the amount of \$10,000 who pays 6

## COST OF THE HOME

# \$10,000

### FAMILY A

Length of Mortgage Contract

15 YEARS

Interest Paid

\$3,770

### FAMILY B

Length of Mortgage Contract

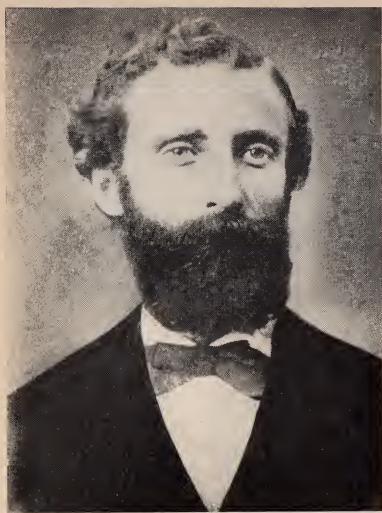
25 YEARS

Interest Paid

\$6,677

Family A saves \$2,907 in interest payments and gains ownership 10 years earlier than Family B

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Meliton Gonzalez Trejo

# Meliton Gonzalez Trejo

TRANSLATOR OF THE BOOK OF MORMON  
INTO SPANISH

by K. E. Duke

MELITON GONZALEZ TREJO was born March 10, 1843, in the town of Garganta-la-Olla, province of Cáceres, a part of the old region of Extremadura in western Spain. He was a descendant of the ancient family of Trejo whose progenitors came to Spain during Roman times as governors. Many of his forebears were known to history through their contributions to the military and religious life of Spain.

Sir Pedro Fernando de Trejo was a general of the armies of the kingdom of Galicia. Sir Fernando Trejo was one of the captains who aided King Ferdinand in conquering the Moors at Seville, which victory led to the establishment of the modern state of Spain. After the conquest, Sir Fernando Trejo established the ancient family in the Valley of Concha near the city of Burgos in Old Castille. Later, the family moved to western Spain whence came Antonio de Trejo who became Bishop of Cartagena in 1618 and Franciscan Commissar of the Indies of his order. One of his relatives was a cardinal in the Catholic Church, and many participated in the military and religious conquest of the New World.

With this illustrious family background combined with well-above-average wealth, Meliton Gonzalez Trejo was given many advantages. His parents wanted him to follow a career in the church, but Meliton pre-

ferred the army. He was given a liberal education, graduating from the military school as *alferez* and becoming an officer in the royal army while yet a young man, and receiving the degree—Docteur de L'Universite of Bordeaux, France. His superior education and training, together with the wealth and prominence of his father's family, gave him prestige among his associates. More important still, these opportunities helped to prepare him to accomplish later an unusual and important work in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

In spite of his active military life, Meliton often thought seriously about religion. In his searches and readings he was unable to find anything or talk to anyone whose beliefs and teachings satisfied his religious desires and feelings. One day he heard a fellow officer make a remark about a group of "Saints" in the Rocky Mountains who were led there by a prophet of God. Pondering over this statement, Meliton was filled with an urgent desire to see these people. Inspired with this feeling, he petitioned the queen for permission to accompany a military expedition which was shortly to leave for the Philippine Islands (then belonging to Spain). He hoped that this would afford him an opportunity to visit America, particularly Salt Lake City.

In the Philippines he became so

engrossed in his work that the real purpose of his trip was temporarily forgotten until he was stricken with a severe illness. Serious reflection during his long period of hospitalization reminded him of his object in coming to the Philippines. He became determined to go to the Rocky Mountains. That night he asked the Lord in fervent prayer to help him in his quest for truth and to make His will known concerning him.

That night Meliton had a dream which satisfied him completely and which he always considered exceedingly sacred. It is believed that he never revealed this dream to anyone except Brigham Young.

As soon as he was able to put his army affairs in order, he sewed two thousand dollars in bills inside his vest and booked passage for America. Landing in San Francisco on July 4, 1874, he set out immediately for Salt Lake City.

Although Meliton was well-educated and could read English, he had not had occasion to speak it. How was he to receive the truth which he sought in an English-speaking community?

Donning his Spanish officers' uniform and walking around the streets of Salt Lake City, he attracted considerable attention. Finally a Brother Blanchard, a native Frenchman who was then a teacher of romance languages at Brigham Young Academy, in Provo, spoke to him in Spanish. Meliton at once made his desires known to Brother Blanchard who accompanied him to his hotel where they could talk without interruption. At last Meliton had found the pearl for which he had been searching. Brother Blanchard taught Meliton the restored gospel and introduced him to Brigham Young and other Church leaders.

Relating the story of his life as well as his sacred dream to Brigham

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Young, Meliton said his most fervent desire was to translate the Book of Mormon into the Spanish language and to carry the gospel to his people. His desire was to be realized. Using the money which he had saved, Meliton retired for a time, during which time he translated the Book of Mormon into Spanish, beginning in 1874 and completing it in 1875. He also translated the *Voice of Warning* by Parley P. Pratt into Spanish. At the end of this period of work, Meliton presented the translation to the Church as a gift in partial recompense for the joy and happiness which the gospel had brought to him. He only had fifty cents left in his pocket, but he was more than satisfied.

Not long after this, May 29, 1884, Meliton was married to Emily Jones in the Logan Temple. But he was not to remain in Utah long. Along with several other men, Elder Trejo was called to open up missionary work in Mexico—the other part of his dream coming true. Returning to Logan in 1887, after an extremely inspiring and productive mission, he settled down to a more normal life on the farm.

But his talents in language and literature were not to be wasted. He was engaged as a teacher at the Latter-day Saints' College in the old Social Hall on State Street and at the University of Deseret (now University of Utah) in Salt Lake City. One of his students during this period (1892-93) was Mabel Cooper Cain. She wrote: "President Woodruff thought so much of Elder Trejo's ability and the necessity of our boys and girls availing themselves of this wonderful opportunity, that he sent out fifty Box 'B' letters to that number of students, male and female. Box 'B' letters in those days were calls for missions, and we felt that it was just that. Professor Trejo was all that the correspondent wrote of him—a mild, kindly gentleman and fully capable of the work he did in our classes. We all loved him and gave him the honor due such a gifted man."

When the Latter-day Saints began to colonize in Mexico, Elder Trejo was again set apart as a missionary to that land. Taking his wife and four children with him, he settled in Chuichupa, Chihuahua, where he was to remain for approximately eleven years. He loved the country, his

farm, his cattle, especially his missionary trips to the neighboring states of Sonora and Durango. He loved to go up into the mountains where he could commune with the Lord in his own "sacred grove" as did the Prophet Joseph Smith. He loved his family and was the father of four more children born in Mexico.

Meliton tried to share the gospel with everyone including his family back in Spain. But they, with the exception of one brother, would have nothing more to do with him. From this brother he obtained many of the genealogical records of his family from which he obtained the necessary information to have temple work done for his deceased relatives. However, many of these records and almost every worldly possession were lost to the family when the revolution began to foment in Mexico.

Many of the Mormon settlers along with other foreigners were to see their houses burned, their horses, cattle, and agricultural tools stolen, and their own lives put in considerable jeopardy by Pancho Villa and others. However, Elder Trejo was able to take his family out of Mexico by team and wagon as far as St. David, Arizona, where he had a small farm. But times were difficult, and there were many mouths to feed. Leaving the family with the eldest son, Elder Trejo tried to find work in Douglas and Bisbee, Arizona. But work was hard to secure, so he walked the seventy-five miles back to St. David.

After a few months he decided to go back into Mexico to see if he could not salvage some of his possessions. Particularly was he anxious to recover a large box which contained all his records and the manuscript of his translation of the Book of Mormon. He took one of his sons with him back to Chuichupa and spent some time looking for his valued box among the charred ruins of the village. But soon the final order came for all Americans to leave at once or be killed.

When the final word came, Elder Trejo was not in the village to receive it. He had gone back to his grove in the mountains to fast and pray for a few days. His son protested violently against leaving without his father, but the boy could not be left there all alone with the rebels coming at any moment. Bishop Sevey organized the little group of men into

a company, and they rode out of town under the cover of darkness.

When Elder Trejo returned, he found rebels in charge of the town. They shot at him several times before he succeeded in shouting to them in Spanish that he was not to be considered a foreigner. He was allowed to live under the stipulation that he would teach school for several months without compensation. This he did, while continuing the search for his valuable box of papers. After several months, however, he considered his search fruitless, so with the aid of many of the Mexican converts who were always loyal to their great teacher, he was able to cross the border once again and return to his family in Arizona, who did not know whether he was alive or dead until he walked in eight months after all Americans were supposedly out of Chuichupa.

Elder Meliton Gonzalez Trejo lived some five years longer on his farms in St. David and Benson, Arizona, before he finally succumbed to nephritis (Bright's disease) on April 29, 1917, at the age of seventy-four while visiting at the home of one of his daughters, Mrs. Heber C. Kimball of Willcox, Arizona. A few days later he was buried in the little cemetery across the highway from his farmhouse in St. David, Arizona.

He was survived by his widow and six of the ten children who were born to them. His beautiful wife Emily died January 28, 1953, and was buried at his side in St. David, Arizona. Still living are Sarah Trejo Kimball Telford of Los Angeles, Calif.; Milton Joseph Trejo of Mesa, Arizona; Jared Trejo of St. David, Arizona, and present president of the Southern Arizona Stake; Isabel Trejo Fisher of Los Angeles, Calif.; Emmanuel Leroy Trejo of Mesa, Arizona; and Inez Avah Trejo Dunn of Salt Lake City, as well as twenty-nine grandchildren, together with their numerous posterity.

Meliton Gonzales Trejo was indeed a remarkable man. A person of slight stature with a light complexion, blond hair, and blue eyes, he was deeply religious, a sincere searcher for truth, uncompromising with evil, and exceedingly brave. Neither his moral nor his physical courage ever failed or faltered. His acceptance of the gospel and especially his missionary labors in Mexico involved severe physical and financial hardships, but

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JEAN FARRELL looked again at the check Richard had given her that morning. She had the money at last to buy the dress for her mother's seventieth birthday. Howard always brought Mother something nice, and Emily showered her with lovely things. But for years Jean had never given her a present. It wasn't that she hadn't wanted to, but she just hadn't been able to. The others had done so much for their mother, especially Emily.

Friday, day after tomorrow, would be an important day—a highlight in Mother's life. And Jean would do everything in her power to make it the great occasion it should be, including presenting the dress.

She had a guilty feeling though, knowing the check should go to Dr. Anderson in part payment on their bill. And she wished again futilely there was some other way to raise the money.

The idea of using the check had crossed Jean's mind several times in the past week, but she had rejected it. The doctor should have been paid long ago. But at last she had talked it over with Richard, and they had decided to buy the dress.

Richard wanted to do something special for her mother as much as she did. Mother had always been so good to them. During Jean's long illness when she lost little Linda, and had to stay in bed so long, she didn't know how she could have managed without Mother.

You wouldn't think it could be so difficult to get so small an amount. Weeks ago she'd thought she could do it. She'd tried saving dimes and nickles from her housekeeping allowance. By constant planning and shopping for specials she'd been able to save some. But each time she had a few dollars ahead, some member of the family had been in need of something, and she'd helped.

And with Rickey in his third year of college and Marilyn in her first year, it took a lot to get along. And next year Jimmie would be in high school. Marilyn had worked Saturdays and sometimes after school as Rickey did, but she'd had to quit her job since January when she had the flu. The doctor had advised it. Then Richard had been down with the flu for two weeks, too, and somehow with all their illnesses, they'd never quite paid the doctor.



Jean fought down her fear. "What—what happened, nurse?"

# Birthday

This one time though she intended to be extravagant. She would make her mother's seventieth birthday a day to remember. All she'd ever done for her was take her to a show or have her for dinner. Once she'd invited Mother's two sisters-in-law and one of her close friends for the afternoon, and Mother had seemed very pleased.

The dress would be just what Mama wanted. Last Monday when the two of them had gone to the market to shop, they had stopped to admire a navy and white dress in Madsen's store window. It had a touch of red piping and a red flower on the shoulder. Jean knew how lovely it would be with Mother's white hair and delicate skin. The red would give it just the right touch of youthfulness. She had checked the size and price when her mother was shopping in the drug department.

Yesterday she'd made up her mind what she must do, she had phoned the store and had Miss Hansen put it away for her.

It was going to be so wonderful, having the whole family together again.

Emily hadn't been home for so long, but she was definitely coming this time. Jean thought her sister would surely have been on the eleven o'clock plane this morning, but she hadn't arrived. Something had detained her, but she would be in for sure in the morning.

Jean brushed her short curly hair that had once been dark as Emily's but was now generously sprinkled with gray. Her gray eyes looked back from the mirror with a half wistful expression. She smiled back at herself. You'd think she was feeling sorry for herself or envious of Emily.

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Her sister did have a charmed life. Jean couldn't have a trip to Europe as her sister had last year, nor one to South America the year before that. But she had so much—a devoted husband and fine children! And she was near Mama if she needed her.

At Christmas time Emily hadn't been able to come home because of some social engagements important to Bill. His boss had been giving a big party Christmas Eve, and they had to put in an appearance. But Em had sent such wonderful gifts to all of them. Some of the extravagant ones she had given to Mama, Jean suspected, were hidden away in a drawer, her mother feeling they were too fine to wear before her friends. But Em was so used to beautiful things.

A year ago last Christmas Emily had sent train fare and insisted that her mother come to California to spend the holidays with them. Mama had gone but returned much sooner than Jean had expected. They were very sweet and had done so much for her, but she was lonely for her own home and Jean's family, she had explained. She told Jean how Buddy

She went down the hall and looked in Marilyn's door when she was ready to leave.

Her daughter in plaid shirt and blue jeans sat at her desk working on her English assignment. She looked up at her mother and grinned. "Will I be glad when this is done! My English prof thinks there aren't any other subjects in the curriculum except his. How long will you be, Mom? May I take the car a few minutes when you get back?"

The telephone was ringing downstairs, and Marilyn took the steps in a bound.

"Hello," she said in her softest voice.

But the call was for Jean.

"Some lady, Mom," she said in an utterly bored way, handing her mother the receiver.

She's wasted her charm, Jean thought amusedly and tried not to smile.

A crisp, businesslike voice asked, "Is this Mrs. Farrell?"

"Yes."

"This is Dr. Anderson's nurse calling." There was a sickening feeling in the pit of Jean's stomach, and

she felt the color ebb from her face as she sank into the chair by the phone.

The nurse's voice was speaking reassuringly, "Don't be alarmed, Mrs. Farrell, but Rickey has had a little accident. He's here now in the office with the doctor."

Jean fought down her fear. "What—what happened, nurse?"

"He's broken his arm, Mrs. Farrell; he's having it X-rayed now."

"I'll be right down, nurse. Tell Rickey I'll be there right away to bring him home."

She placed the receiver back and sat for a moment shaken, half sick. Poor Rickey! She hoped fervently it wouldn't be a bad break.

She was aware that Marilyn had come back and stood beside her.

"What is it, Mom?" she asked in a hushed, anxious way.

"It's Rickey. He's broken his arm. He must have slipped lugging some of that heavy office stuff around, I guess. I don't know how it happened."

"Jeepers!"

"Marilyn, you'll have to get the groceries while I go to the doctor's office. Run now and get your coat while I drive the car out."

Walking out to the garage, Jean was utterly dejected.

She couldn't buy the dress for Mama now. The check in her purse would have to go to the doctor. There would be X-ray expense, too. But the expense didn't matter if only Rickey's arm would be all right.

As she backed the car out, Marilyn stood waiting in the driveway, and they drove into town. She gave her the list of groceries and the money to shop while she went into the doctor's office.

"When you've finished, we'll probably be ready, too, dear," Jean called as Marilyn drove off.

The doctor's office was closed Wednesday afternoon, but Rickey had evidently arrived before he left. The place was empty, and Jean sank into one of the chairs.

She waited restlessly for what seemed a long time before the nurse finally came out.

"It was his left arm, fortunately, Mrs. Farrell, and the bone wasn't splintered. A good clean break, the doctor says," she smiled. "It will be a little while before he's ready to go home."

"Is Rickey all right otherwise, nurse?"

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# Present

by Leone E. McCune

and Rosalee, her two teen-age grandchildren, had taken her twice to a show when Emily and Bill had had some important parties.

Now Jean put on her dress and coat. She could use a new dress herself, she thought with wry amusement. So many of the clothes she wore had once been Em's. She laughed a little. Her sister did have excellent taste. Maybe later she could get some material on a sale and make one for herself or better still maybe Em would bring some she had discarded.

Jean hadn't heard a sound from Marilyn's room all the while she'd been dressing. There was an important faculty meeting being held that afternoon, and Marilyn had come home at 1 o'clock. Rickey had gone down to Phillip's Office Supply to work as he did whenever the opportunity arose.



## Birthday Present

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"A few scratches and a bruise or two. Nothing serious," she smiled.

Jean handed her the check, and the nurse disappeared into the inner office.

When Rickey's arm was set, Marilyn arrived, and all drove home together.

Friday was here—dear Mama's seventieth anniversary! Jean had expected Emily definitely yesterday, but she hadn't arrived. Howard wouldn't come until early evening. She couldn't understand about Emily. She hoped some member of the family wasn't ill. Her letter early in the week had said she would be home Wednesday. Something had delayed her. But Jean knew she would be in on the eleven o'clock plane today.

Rickey was getting along nicely with his broken arm; poor kid, he'd been so upset, knowing the expense it would be. But the accident had happened so quickly.

Jean rose at six o'clock to make the angel food cake. You could buy the whites for twenty-seven cents a pint at Carr's ice cream store. It made a wonderful cake for so little money! She had tinted the fluffy icing a delicate pink. From her pink potted geranium plant she had taken the one pink blossom and a few leaves to decorate the large glass plate on which she placed the cake. It looked beautiful. She made a tray of open-faced sandwiches and set them in the refrigerator.

At ten-thirty she phoned the airport and learned that the plane would be in on time.

Mama would be along any minute, now. She had wanted to help Jean with the preparations, but Jean wouldn't hear of it. As soon as Emily phoned, the two of them would go to the airport to meet her.

Jean brought out her loveliest luncheon cloth, the best silver and china.

It was going to be wonderful with just the three of them. It had been so long since they were together.

She could already see the pink glow of her mother's delicate features as they sat at the table, and Emily so fashionably dressed, her dark eyes sparkling as she talked!

The ringing of the doorbell startled her. It wouldn't be her mother. She

would walk in. Had the plane arrived early and Em come by taxi? She hurried to the door.

An expressman stood there with a large package. She signed for it just as her mother came up the walk.

"It's for you, Mrs. Ashley, from Em and Bill," she called gaily. "I guess it was simpler to have the store send it than bring it along."

"How are you, dear? Happy birthday, Mama, and many, many of them," Jean said as she kissed her.

"Thank you, my dear," Jane Ashley said, her smooth face wreathed in smiles.

They went into the house.

"Emily hasn't called yet, I guess?" she questioned Jean.

"No, it's a little early."

"I hope you aren't going to a lot of trouble. But I'm afraid you are," she protested gently, walking over to inspect the cake on the small buffet.

"It's beautiful, Jean," she smiled warmly on her daughter.

"Aren't you dying to open your package, Mama?" Jean wanted to know.

"Of course," her mother said as they went into the kitchen.

Jean placed the box on the table and brought the scissors. She cut the string just as the doorbell rang again.

That must be Em this time, and she rushed to the door again, her mother right behind her.

But a messenger boy stood there with a telegram in his hand. Jean took it while fear and anxiety clutched her. Someone must be ill or even worse. She tore the envelope open as she closed the door. Her mother stood looking at her anxiously.

Jean read it quickly, and her heart sank. No one was ill or dead, but Emily wasn't coming. Emily wasn't coming! She couldn't believe what she read.

"Everyone is all right, dear," she said soothingly to Mrs. Ashley. "But Emily isn't coming." She saw the light go out of her mother's face, leaving it bleak and old.

Jean hurried on to explain that some very important and influential friends had invited Emily and Bill to the Sierras for skiing over the weekend, and Bill felt they were obligated to accept the invitation.

"But Em will come a little later

on, dear. She sends her love and hopes you'll have a wonderful day, Mama," Jean smiled reassuringly.

Mrs. Ashley said nothing but walked slowly back to the kitchen with Jean.

"But look what she's sent, Mama—this huge box of goodness knows how many wonderful things. And she'll be here some time soon, for sure." Jean rambled on, but she was aware of her mother's silence, her deep hurt.

She looked up and was startled by the utter sadness of her face. She hadn't heard a word Jean had been saying.

"Emily has been so good to you, Mama," Jean said in defense of her sister. "She sent you so many beautiful things. She's helped all of us so much. Now," she said cheerfully, "let's see what she's given you this time." And she tore the outer wrappings away from the package. She lifted out small boxes beautifully wrapped, containing hose, hankies, a nylon slip, a larger one held a navy blue purse.

"How nice this will look with your coat, Mama!" Jean thought regretfully of the dress she had wanted to buy.

The last and larger box Jean opened with consuming curiosity. She moved the tissue paper away and lifted up a dress—a navy and white print, a beautiful dress.

The shock of seeing that dress, so much like the one she had wanted to buy for her mother, was too much for Jean. She hadn't wanted to, but she dropped the dress on the table and burst into tears. An uncontrollable sob shook her, and she sank into the nearest chair.

Mrs. Ashley got up, staring at her daughter in alarm.

"Jeanie, dear, what is the matter?" she asked in a bewildered voice. "Why are you crying?"

She placed her arm tenderly across Jean's shoulders.

"The things are so nice, don't you think?" she asked timidly. Then after a moment's pause, "But I don't really need the dress. It would look much nicer on you anyway. We're the same size."

Jean's head came up at last.

"Mama, I was going to give you that navy and white print we saw in

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# DEVELOPING SELF-CONFIDENCE

by Frances Carfi Matranga

HAVE YOU ever entered a roomful of people and felt flustered, tense, ill at ease? Do you envy others their poise? Take heart—almost everyone suffers to a certain degree from shyness and feelings of inferiority at one time or another. *No one* is sure of himself *all* of the time. Remember that. It helps to know that the other fellow, whether he shows it or not, may be feeling exactly as you feel.

One of the most charming and seemingly self-confident women in the world—we'll call her Laura for the sake of identification—is neither pretty nor especially smart nor what you would call chic. Yet she moves through the world as though it were her living room—a living room filled with friends.

At parties she immediately spots the lonely, shy person and gives her special attention. Whether it is an acquaintance or a stranger—Laura easily will draw the shy individual into the group of which she is a part. She'll remain at the side of her new acquaintance until she relaxes and is drawn into the conversation, then off she'll go again, being helpful and putting people at their ease. She does this not only at her own parties, but also at those given by other people. Hostesses adore her.

This woman has learned to put herself into the other person's place. At one time she, too, was tortured by diffidence. Parties were an ordeal where girls ignored her and boys only danced with her when they had to. Then one day her mother remarked, "Don't you know, my dear, that almost everyone is shy and lonely and unsure of himself to a certain degree? That's why we give and go to parties—to be with people and win their approval. The trouble is that very often when people do get together, they don't know what to do about it, and so no one makes that first friendly gesture that is so important in breaking the ice."

Laura digested this speech thoroughly. It made a lot of sense. The

next time she went to a party, she remembered those words, and instead of giving in to panic she took a deep breath and told herself, "I'm not the only one in this room who is shy. There are plenty of others like me."

It worked and still works today. With all her apparent poise and assurance, she still repeats those words to herself before entering a roomful of people.

Whenever meeting strangers, reassure yourself, as Laura does, that the other fellow is no different from you, that in all probability he feels as uncertain and is as anxious as you are to make a good impression. Someone has to make the first friendly gesture—it may as well be you.

You'd be surprised how this way of thinking will help you to "break the ice." It worked wonders for Laura and can do the same for you. Think this way, and before long the wall of reserve that stands between strangers will start to crumble and you'll find

yourself and those about you relaxing. After this happens a few times, meeting strangers becomes a pleasant opportunity rather than a frightening task.

Getting acquainted with people does not require vast knowledge or cleverness or artifice—just friendliness and a bit of confidence in self; for instance, if you are meeting a woman for the first time and are stumped for something scintillating to say but are enchanted by her extremely long lashes, by all means tell her so. Why not? Everyone enjoys a compliment. Just be sincere, and you'll have started the conversational ball rolling; you'll have given the other person's morale a small boost, and you'll have given yourself a start in the direction towards gaining self-confidence.

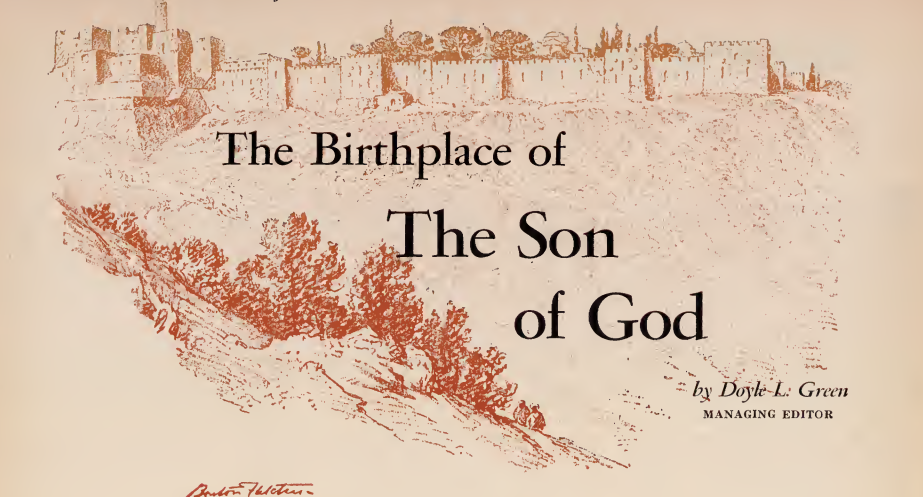
Another helpful aid for those suffering from shyness or twinges of inferiority is to tell yourself you're as good as the next fellow and believe it. You are, you know. To progress it takes a positive personality, and of course to acquire that positive personality you must first of all have confidence in yourself; as an example, let us consider a young man who at one time was studying voice and attending auditions in New York City. He knew he could sing, and that his voice was pleasing, but whenever he arrived

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# The Birthplace of The Son of God

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*British Museum*

THE TIME had come in the great plan of salvation for the Son of God, the Creator of the world, to come to earth and be its Savior. He was to teach the gospel, establish his Church, die for the sins of mankind, and make it possible for all men to be resurrected, and for all good men to return to the presence of their Heavenly Father. Where in all the world should this great event, the birth of the King of glory, take place?

If you had been a Roman, in the days of which we speak, you would surely have said, "The King must be born in Rome!" This was the age of the Romans. For many years the legions of Marius, Pompeii, Julius Caesar, and Augustus had spread blood over the earth until Rome was the undisputed and almost unchallenged ruler of the world. From east of the Caspian Sea and the Persian Gulf to the Atlantic Ocean, and from Ethiopia on the south to the haunts of the barbarians on the north, Rome ruled supreme. There was nowhere, so people thought, a man could flee to escape the yoke of the Romans.

Had you been a Greek, you probably would have thought that the Savior of the world should have been born in Athens, for even though the military glory that had been theirs was gone, still Greece was considered to be the center of learning of the entire world. The Greek language was

the language of the cultured, and Greek games were played in all lands.

Undoubtedly the Egyptians, the Assyrians, the Syrians, and the Babylonians remembered the days of their glory and looked forward to the time when they would again rule the world. Had they been looking for a Savior to be born, surely they would have pointed towards Alexandria or Aleppo or Babylon.

But had you been a member of the tribe of Judah, there would have been no question in your mind as to where the King should be born. For generations the Jews had been looking for the arrival of a King. It is doubtful, however, that any of them had the slightest conception of the true mission of this King. They were awaiting a "King of the Jews," who would deliver them from the hands of their captors and bring back the glory of the days of David and Solomon.

Such prophets as Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Hosea, Micah, and Zechariah had prophesied his coming. Isaiah, for example, had written "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

"Of the increase of his government

and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever."<sup>1</sup>

Jeremiah had prophesied "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth."<sup>2</sup>

The prophet Micah had even disclosed the town where the Savior would be born: "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; . . ."<sup>3</sup>

From the days of Abraham some 2000 years before, the Lord had prepared a righteous people in anticipation of this great event. In spite of wars, captivities, and famines, this righteous line had been preserved and brought back time after time to their "promised land."

This "promised land," which on the most modern of our maps is called Israel, is better known to us as the land of Palestine or the Holy Land. It has also been called Canaan, Judea, and the Land of Israel. This is the land to which Father Abraham was called to go when the Lord guided him out of his native city of

Illustration by Major Benton Fletcher, from Lionel Cust's *Jerusalem: A Historical Sketch*, published by A. & C. Black, Ltd., London.

<sup>1</sup>Isaiah 9:6-7.  
<sup>2</sup>Jeremiah 23:5.  
<sup>3</sup>Micah 5:2.



Ur. This land was the home of his son, Isaac, and his grandson, Jacob. This was the land to which the Lord led the children of Israel after their deliverance from the hands of the Egyptians.

Let's take a brief look at the country of Palestine to see if we can understand why the Lord may have chosen it as a home for his people and for the place of his birth.

In the days before the birth of the Savior, the world seemed to center around the eastern shores of the Mediterranean Sea. This, we must remember, was some 1,300 years before Marco Polo made his first trip to China, and nearly 1,500 years before Columbus discovered America. The world was thought to be flat, and the center of that world was thought by many to be in the little country of Palestine which lay between the southeast shore of the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River. Visitors to Jerusalem are still shown beneath the dome of a church in that city, a marble circle upon which is a pillar marking "the exact center of the world."

It seems surprising that a country that has been so important in the history of the world could be so small. The boundaries of this land have changed through the years, but generally speaking, the country has consisted of some ten thousand square miles, an area which would fit into the state of Utah about eight and one-half times. Even though two of the Twelve Tribes of Israel remained on the east side of the Jordan River and at times their territory has been included in "Palestine," during most of its history, the country has extended only to the river and from just above the ancient city of Dan on the north to the city of Beersheba on the south, a distance of some 175 air miles. At its widest point, between the Mediterranean Sea and the Dead Sea, the little country is about sixty miles wide. This tapers off until at the northern boundary it is about thirty-five miles across.

The climate and geography of Palestine are fascinating to study. Although climatic conditions vary in different parts of the country, the area is generally semi-tropical. A range of mountains, or "hills," extends the entire length of the country. These are highest in the north and in the south where some knolls loom more than 3,000 feet above sea level. High on the summit of these bleak hills in

the southern province of Judea is the holy city of Jerusalem. It is some 2,500 feet above sea level, and 3,800 feet above the level of the Dead Sea, which is less than fifteen miles away. This hill country is cold from December to February with rain and sleet and on rare occasions even snow, though snow seldom stays on the ground more than an hour or two. The summers are generally pleasant with hot days and cool nights. The Judean hills are very rugged, furnishing natural strongholds and fortification for cities but giving way now and then to narrow valleys where vegetables and grains are grown. Olive groves and vineyards adorn many of the steep hillsides.

Farther north, in the provinces of

Samaria and Galilee the country generally is less rugged and more pleasant and inviting, with more springs and streams, greener hills, more fruitful acres, and wider valleys.

East of this range of hills is the Jordan River, named the "Descender" because it falls so rapidly and follows so treacherous a course. In the 120 miles from its source above the Sea of Galilee, to the Dead Sea, it drops 3,000 feet, and can be forded in only two places! Near the Dead Sea especially, the scenery is spectacular, and the climate is very hot most of the year, with the thermometer often reaching 120° in the shade.

West of the mountains are the plains, which fall off rapidly to the

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shores of the Mediterranean Sea. The climate along the Mediterranean is comparable to that of eastern Florida, semitropical and delightful most of the year.

Because of its location on the eastern coast of the Mediterranean and further because it is hemmed in by deserts on the south and the Jordan River on the east, Palestine has been a highway for the nations down through the ages. The pleasant and level coastal area formed an ideal passageway for traders, travelers, and armies. This has given the country the advantage of being able to keep in touch with the cultures of all the surrounding areas. It has also led to problems of which we shall speak later.

As was indicated above, under Kings David and Solomon, Palestine had been a great nation. Occasioned by the peace and prosperity which he enjoyed, Solomon built a great temple and a fabulous palace, bringing riches from all of the known world to adorn and furnish them. He had a navy at sea and an army consisting of 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen. "So king Solomon exceeded all the wisdoms of the earth for riches and for wisdom.

"And all the earth sought to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart."

The political history of the Holy Land from the death of Solomon down to a few years before the birth of the Savior, is a story of war, intrigue, murder, captivity, plundering, strife, and struggle.

Soon after Solomon's death the kingdom fell to pieces. Two of Solomon's sons, Rehoboam and Jeroboam, in their struggle for power, brought about a separation of the tribes of Israel in the north from the tribe of Judah and the small tribe of Benjamin in the south, and from that day forward they were never again reunited. The split in the kingdom not only caused continual wars between the southern kingdom, or Judah, as it came to be known, and the northern kingdom, Israel, but it also left the countries open to attack by large nations, such as the Egyptians, Ethiopians, and Arabians on the south, and the Babylonians, the Assyrians, the

Syrians, and later the Greeks and the Romans on the north. At the same time it intensified the ever-present problem with their neighbors, the Canaanites, the Philistines, the Amorites, the Amalekites, the Moabites, and other small but ever dangerous tribes within or near their own borders.

During one of the periods of strife between the two kingdoms, King Ahaz of Judah took the remaining treasures of the temple and palace of Solomon (which had already been raided and pillaged on two occasions, once by the Egyptians and again by the northern kingdom) to pay the Assyrians on the north for assistance. This marked the end of the kingdom of Israel. Shalmaneser, king of Assyria, after completely conquering the country, determined to be troubled with this people no more. He removed the Israelites from the area and scattered them so completely that they came to be known as the "Ten Lost Tribes of Israel."

Meanwhile, the people of Judah with the walled and fortified mountain city of Jerusalem as their stronghold, maintained their identity. But the little country of Palestine continued to be not only a highway, but also a battlefield for the kingdoms in the north and the south. Crushed between these opposing forces, sometimes turning to one, sometimes to another, Judah was reduced to a vassal state, often having to pay tribute to its "protector."

Finally, the Babylonian king, Nebuchadnezzar, resolved to end once and for all the problem of Jerusalem, so he sent his armies to capture it. But the city was so strong and so well-fortified that it took eighteen months to starve the people into submission. What a sad day it was for this noble people when the Babylonian armies finally gained their victory! Most of the city was destroyed; the walls were torn down; and the great palace and temple which Solomon had built some 470 years earlier were laid waste. All of the treasures of the city were hauled away, and the king, the priests, and many of the people were taken back to Babylon and other nearby places as captives. The destruction was so complete, and the people who escaped captivity so demoralized, that many

of them went of their own accord to Egypt. Historians have placed this unhappy date of the fall of the kingdom of Judah at 587 years B. C.

About seventy years after these sad events, Cyrus, new ruler of Persia, which then included Babylonia, permitted the Jews to go back to Judea. Although many preferred to stay, some 42,000 did return under the leadership of Zerubbabel, and later Nehemiah. They rebuilt their holy city and temple which had been in ruins through those three score and ten years. The fact that this remarkable restoration was accomplished by people who had been born in the land of their captivity shows their love for and devotion to the traditions and teachings of their fathers.

As the years passed, the strong nations around Palestine began to lose more and more of their influence. The course of empires was moving westward, and the Greeks, under Alexander the Great, and later the Romans came into power. In the meantime, the Syrians, during one of their never-ending wars with Egypt, in about 170 B. C. attacked Jerusalem, captured it, put many of the people to the sword, and once again carried off the treasures of the temple. Just two years later, the same armies again laid siege to the city, killed most of its inhabitants, and sacked the temple. In order to keep these people in hand, they stationed a garrison of soldiers in the city.

But the children of Judah were still not beaten. Under the leadership of the Maccabees—a father, Mattathias of the house of the Hasmoneans and five fearless sons, John, Simon, Judas, Eleazar, and Jonathan—they rebelled and drove the enemy out of their holy city. For about a hundred years the Jews maintained their independence, were victorious in battle, and prospered so much that they had visions of returning to the power and glory of their nation under David and Solomon.

The descendants of the Maccabees fought among themselves for power, one faction appealing to Arabia and another to Rome for assistance. The Romans, who were by this time virtually rulers of the world, came, but not as friends, and once again did away with the Jewish kingdom. Some years afterward, Herod

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# Be Honest with Yourself

## Beauty Is More Than Skin Deep

WHAT IS BEAUTY? Who can have it?

Ask John Robert Powers, world-famous authority on the subject. After many years of choosing and training beautiful models, he will tell you, though it sounds trite:

"There are certain features that most beautiful women have in common . . . a glow of health, a radiant personality, a complete self-assurance and naturalness, intellectual curiosity, integrity, and stability of character.

"Beauty comes from within. It is within the potentialities of almost any girl. . . ."

Or look to some authorities of the past. Said Emerson: "Beauty is the soundness of the bones . . . a peach-ripe complexion; health of constitution that makes the sparkle and power of the eyes. . . . character gives splendor to youth."

Sir James Barrie says of charm (the sister of beauty): "If you have it, you don't need anything else, and if you don't have it, it doesn't much matter what else you have."

Beauty is largely a matter of the thoughts we think, the deeds we do, the food we eat, the interest we show in others.

It is the sum of sincerity, enthusiasm, and unselfishness.

It is the product of busy days and nights untroubled by guilty regrets.

Beauty is obedience to the laws of good and wise and wonderful living of the laws of health and happiness. To these add a lively search for eternal truth—for the good things here—for the good things hereafter—and you will surely find beauty in living, and be beautiful yourself. In short, beauty is a reflection of what you are inside yourself.

So, if you would be beautiful—  
BE HONEST WITH YOURSELF





—Illustrated by Charles Jacobsen

## ARE TEEN-AGERS STARVING?

**D**ANGER AHEAD! Teen-agers are starving! "Ridiculous! Certainly not," say parents! "My son has a hollow leg," remarks one mother. Another says her daughter makes a bee-line for the refrigerator the minute she comes home from school.

Surely, they're well fed, what with all the money that's shelled out each week for school lunches and frequent raids on the refrigerator. . . .

But the truth is that many boys and girls between thirteen and nineteen in this "best-fed nation in the world" are seriously undernourished. Why?

With plenty of pocket money and the freedom to eat anything they like away from home, many teen-agers have become meal skippers and food faddists.

Nutritionists began to suspect something was wrong during the war when the rejection rate for the selective service was exceptionally high.

Concerned about the future health of young people, they began to check up on eating habits.

In one study made by Pennsylvania State College among 2,536 boys and girls, the researchers found that only twenty-one percent of the teen-age boys and twelve percent of the girls were getting the recommended food allowances. Instead, they were filling up on "empty" calories, sweets, and soft drinks, which add weight but provide no substantial nourishment. Complaints

by E. J. Ritter, Jr.

of fatigue, listlessness, irritability, and emotional upsets are symptoms of malnutrition caused from eating too little food and erratic eating habits.

And because of faulty eating habits, many suffer from such physical problems as improper weight, stunted growth, poor bone structure, bad skin, poor teeth, and vision difficulties.

The poor showing made by girls because of "haywire" eating habits is of major concern among nutritionists and doctors who feel that the real consequences of teen-age malnutrition may not become fully apparent for years.

One immediate effect is poor resistance to infectious disease, and childbirth complications can sometimes be traced to teen-age malnutrition.

Part of the blame for poor eating habits among girls, specialists say, can be placed at their mother's doorsteps because daughters are inclined to imitate fad-reducing routines. Many mothers, reducing or otherwise, fail to realize they are not feeding their teen-agers enough energy and health-giving foods to put them through a normal day's activity, that although food needs vary with age, size, sex, and activity, teen-agers need *more* of many nutrients than most adults to meet the demands of maturing bodies. They do not realize that teen-agers can "starve" on a "jitterbug diet."

Something should be done!



# A NUTRITIONIST ANSWERS

by Hazel Stevens

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**T**HE TEEN-AGE YEARS are possibly the most eventful of one's entire life. Nutritional requirements are not only greater than they have ever been before, but they also take on new importance when we realize that it is during or immediately following the teens that most of our young people marry and begin rearing families.

These years are characterized by rapid movement toward physical and emotional maturity. There is a spurt in physical growth, an increase of chemical substances which form in the body, and in the rate of cell formation. The teens are years of club activity and parties, of the strenuous exercise associated with athletics and other activities.

Unless careful guidance is given, these increased demands on the body can result in fatigue and impaired nutrition. And because the rate of development varies so much with the individual adolescent and with the age, parents should allow a wide margin of safety in supplying nutritional needs. The effect of good nutrition on vitality and efficiency, on mental and social attitudes, cannot be overestimated.

Teen-agers need more protein, calcium, iron, calories, and some vitamins than do adults.<sup>1</sup> Many parents stand openmouthed watching the amount of food a boy can consume. The following day's menu would not be at all unusual to satisfy a normal sixteen-year-old boy:

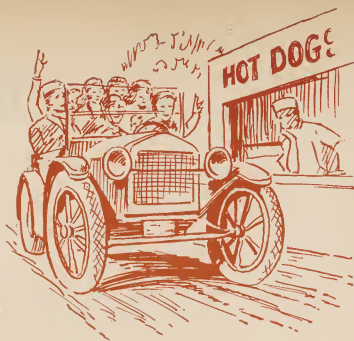
## BREAKFAST

Sliced orange, 1 large  
Cereal, 1 cup  
Hot muffins, 3  
Table fat, 2 tbsp.  
Eggs, 2  
Milk, 1-2 cups  
Jam, 1 tbsp.

## LUNCH

Macaroni and cheese  
(2 servings)  
Tomatoes, 2, sliced  
Bread, 2 slices  
Table fat, 1 tbsp.  
Pudding, 1 cup  
Cookie, 1-2  
Milk, 8 oz.

<sup>1</sup>The chart on page 738 gives the food allowance recommended by the Food and Nutrition Board, National Research Council, 1953, published in 1954.



## DINNER

Roast beef, large serving  
Potatoes, 1½ cups  
Gravy, 1 cup  
Green beans, 1 cup  
Salad, 1 cup  
Whole wheat bread, 2 slices  
Table fat, 1 tbsp.  
Milk, 8 oz.  
Canned peaches, 3 halves

And besides that he will want, for an afternoon snack, a milkshake or some tomato juice and a slice of whole wheat toast!

Spot studies in Utah and other states have shown that there are diet deficiencies among young people. A Pennsylvania study indicated that less than one half of 4750 adolescents and adults observed were receiving the amount of vitamin C recommended for their respective ages by the Food and Nutrition Board of National Research. Kansas investigations showed that the mineral calcium, with other nutritives, was deficient in many teen diets.

In New York similar studies showed that teen-agers, particularly girls, were the least well fed, and much of the reason seemed to lie in poor breakfasts. Many of those interviewed said either that they made their own breakfast because their parents were not up or had gone to work or that they usually had just coffee and sweet rolls. No wonder their diets proved to be lacking in vitamin C, calcium, protein, the B vitamins, and calories!

A Utah Experiment Station study of breakfasts of children in two junior high schools confirms the findings in other studies that young people at this age (who, we must remember, have high nutritional needs) often fail to get adequate breakfasts, and that these lacks are not made up at other meals or with snacks throughout the day. Investigations showed that some of their reasons for omitting breakfast were that they did not go to bed early enough to get needed rest—then slept late and had not time; the meal was not prepared for them; they had little experience in home cookery and were at a loss in preparing

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I TUNED IN the radio just in time to hear the voices of two small children. The trend of their conversation intrigued me, and I stopped to listen.

"I can't disturb Mother now. She's writing a poem." The voice was unmistakably that of a little girl.

A miniature masculine voice answered with this straightforward interrogation, "A poem? What in the world's a poem?"

There was a moment's silence. I anticipated the answer.

"Oh, I dunno," the little girl responded, "I think it's a lot of pretty words put together so they don't mean anything."

Slightly stunned, I sank down in a chair to think upon what I had heard. Not that the opinion of a small child on such an academic subject could carry much weight, but right down in my heart I knew that this small fry had echoed the opinion of many adults in today's materialistic world. Suddenly I wanted to cry out in defense of the poets of all time—the poets of yesterday, today, and tomorrow!

How very wrong you are, my little girl. Poetry is much, much more

# The Most Beautiful Way of REMEMBERING

by Mirla Greenwood Thayne

than that. It is the word picture of some of the beauties in this wonderful world of ours, just as a painting is a line and color picture of them; it is an expression of the beauty and meaning of life, the music of the soul.

Certain experiences have always stirred the emotions of man: the presence of beauty, the miracle of birth, the mystery of death, the wonders and power of love. When man's finer emotions are stirred, he must find means of expression. He is not content until he has shared his impressions with someone else.

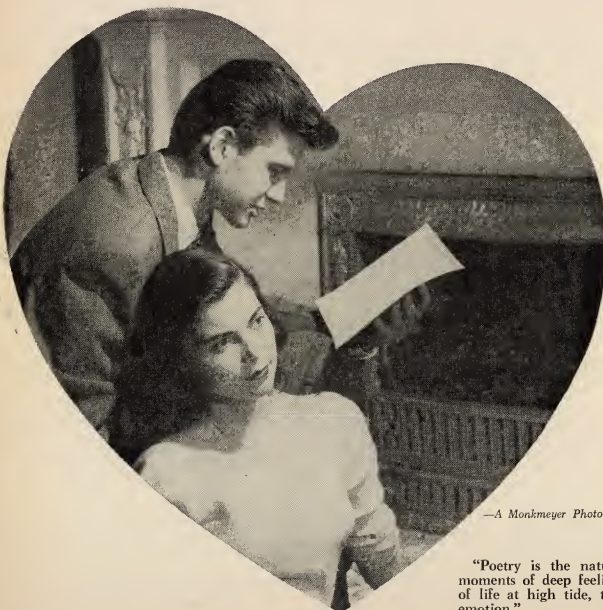
Self-expression is one of God's greatest gifts to his children, and

it manifests itself on many ways—through the language man speaks, through the house he lives in, and through the cities he builds. Some of the meanings of life find expression through a beautiful painting, a noble statue, or an inspired song. Poetry, however, is the natural language of man in moments of deep feeling. It is the artistic expression of life at high tide, the music of thought and emotion.

In a few hundred words a poem may sum up an ideal that thousands of aspiring souls would like to live by. With even fewer words it may sing itself into a regiment, comfort the discouraged, "translate the ecstasy of a bird's song," re-create the roseate glory of a sunset, and capture and hold the miracle of the rose's unfolding in words that may never die.

It is fallacy to think of a poet as merely a maker of rhymes. The word itself is derived from a Greek word which means "designer, a weaver of musical words, a creator of musical thoughts." The ancient Romans used the same word, *Vates*, to signify both poet and prophet.

"Poetry," says Joseph Auslander, "is the most beautiful way of remembering what it would impoverish one to forget." How literal this becomes when we look back into the ancient past and realize that without the prophetic voice of the poet much of our early history would have been lost, for poetry is as old as life itself. Before men could read or write, wandering minstrels sang forth their poetic feelings, often to the accompaniment of the lyre. The words, conceived in great emotion, satisfied a latent need for expression and af-



—A Monkmeier Photo

"Poetry is the natural language of man in moments of deep feeling—the artistic expression of life at high tide, the music of thought and emotion."



forded a natural outlet for man's extreme joy or sorrow. People had wonderful memories in those far-off days, and these old poems or sagas were remembered for hundreds of years as they were passed down from mouth to ear. Orally kept alive, they were at last written down to form the nucleus of the world's great literature and the means by which our earliest history has been preserved.

To the poet nature is, and always has been, a constant source of inspiration. The ancient Norse poet, who is the first of whom we have any account, had more than his share of the wonders that nature so generously gives to man. In Scandinavia the forces of nature are strong. Iceland, a wild stretch of barrenness and lava, is engulfed many months of the year by black tempests; yet it boasts a wild flaming beauty in the summertime. Towering high in the north ocean, "stern and grim," its scenery almost defies description, so huge are its snow mountains, so deep its chasms. Although man's mind was clouded by superstition and fear of the forces of nature around him, still he sang of the "wild flaming beauty" of his land, using startling metaphors. To him the roaring geysers and sulfur pools were infernal pits. The rainbow, which to us is the symbol of promise, was to him a bridge by which all men entered Valhalla. The mystic Aurora Borealis, flaming in the sky, was the blood of the armored warriors as they rode on their errands of destruction. He called the rain the tears of the goddess of spring; the plants and herbs, which found such welcome during their short summers, were referred to as the hair or fleece of the earth. He sang of the sea as the field of the pirates, and the great ice barriers that maimed many a viking ship were called the greatest of all bridges. Viking boats with their fierce dragon heads were feared as horses of the waves, and the human tongue was fittingly termed the sword of words.

One can almost hear the voice of prophecy in these ancient poems as they sing of the beginning of time when chaos preceded a literal creation. Their poems speak of the immortality of the soul, of retribution beyond the grave, and of a heaven where the righteous dwell. They prophesy of a time of destruction wherein the elements would be confused, while wars and discord would

taunt the earth. The poem ends with a brighter note, a song of hope and promise of a new day, a restoration wherein:

The fields unsown would  
Yield forth their growth,  
All ill cease,  
Those heavenly gods dwell together.

At this point the inquisitive reader pauses to ask: Did a voice from ancient Israel penetrate the stony silence of Iceland's shores, to pass down from mouth to ear the Old Testament's revealed story of the creation, or were these ancient poets blessed with prophetic vision to enable them to prepare an unlettered people for the greater light of Christianity? Whatever the answer, we recognize an interesting similarity while we realize that these people were of God's chosen seed.

Carlyle says, "A vein of poetry exists in the hearts of all men." A beautiful chapter from "Bede's History" (seventh century) would lead us

#### MY SONNET PRAYER

By Rae Cross

THE SONNET I would write is still unsung,  
Its words of hope and cheer lie in my heart;  
I've tried to do my best by deed and tongue,  
But love of words is of my life a part.  
I've tried to make of lullabies a praise  
Of thanks to God for those he gave to me;  
I've tried to guide their minds and feet in ways  
That will at last lead them to home and thee.

My hands and mind have had small time to stray,  
So filled each day with love of home and friends,  
And yet, when tired at night I kneel to pray,  
I yearn to write a sonnet ere life ends.  
Dear Lord, if time and talent dim my goal,  
Pray make a living sonnet of my soul.

to believe that this is true. In the seventh and eighth centuries, singing and poetry were so universally known and loved that whenever a feast was held in the monasteries a harp would be brought in, and each guest would in turn entertain the crowd with a song or poem to his own musical accompaniment.

Jesus was the incomparably great poet. With the coming of Christianity, literature took on new light. The message of the Savior added leaven to all forms of art. All literature was lightened and brightened with hope,

joy, and faith. New and beautiful words found their way into the hearts of men to begin their blessed fruition, words such as *charity, love, meekness, kindness, benevolence, tolerance, forgiveness, and brotherhood*. Fear of nature's phenomena turned to love of its wonders and its Creator. The poetry of the New Testament has been analyzed for clarity, for rhythm and correct technique, and much of it has been found perfect. The strength and simplicity of his words will always remain a standard of English poetry and prose and a model for our best writers. Successful would be the poet who could write as Jesus spoke.

"Follow me," he said, "and I will make you fishers of men." (Matt. 4:19.) With poetic beauty he called men to his ministry.

"Ye are the light of the world," (*Ibid.*, 5:14) he labeled those of his flock who proselyted his word.

"... neither cast your pearls before swine, ..." (*Ibid.*, 7:6) he admonished his flock who failed to hold sacred the things of the spirit! And to his disciples he counseled,

And why take ye thought for raiment?  
Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow;  
they toil not, neither do they spin;  
And yet I say unto you, that even Solomon  
in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? (*Ibid.*, 6:28-30.)

With vivid metaphors and brilliant similes, with simple, poetic words, easily understood and remembered, he pointed the way to peace, happiness, and eternal life.

Life has few greater enrichments than the love of good poetry. This love should be fostered in early childhood until children become as responsive as they are to pleasing sounds, perfume, the color of sunsets. Poetry could almost be called the music of the whole universe, because in all of God's creation there is poetry and harmony.

Recognizing the fact that the qualities of the spirit constitute life's only real realities and knowing that intelligence without feeling is barren, the true poet accepts as his sacred duty the challenge of helping to keep alive those pure intrinsic values of living that it would "impoverish one to forget."



"Your mother was a dancer, Wendy, a wonderful dancer. . . . Your daddy's plane went down crossing the Hump."

# Dancing Hearts

by Dorothy Clapp Robinson

WENDY KICKED at the sidewalk. Everything was happening to her. She wished the day of the party wouldn't come. She really did. It was awful enough to ask Nana to give the party for her dancing group, but now the girls were hinting about presents—not just favors, but things like bracelets. That is what Lois had given them last time. Oh, dear, why did she have to take dancing lessons, and why did she have to give presents, and why couldn't she get Nana a new coat? Wendy could not remember Nana with anything but her old green coat.

Rain was falling gently, and the street lights were snapping on.

Wendy drew her coat closer about her, but her feet still dragged. Last week after her dancing lesson she had told Nana that her name had been drawn to give the party. The look that came into Nana's eyes had taken all the fun out of it.

"I couldn't help it, Nana. Honest, I couldn't. I'll tell them tomorrow—"

"No, no," Nana said quickly. Then her face brightened. "You have never had a party, Wendy. It's time we had one. You will love it."

"But, Nana—we, that is—well, you need a new coat. You said so yourself."

All that had been last week. Now it was getting dark, and Wendy knew

she must hurry. Tears ran down her cheeks. Presents, even small ones for nine girls, would cost too much. And the party would be a fizzle without them. Her feet dragged on the sidewalk. They shouldn't have come to this town. Mrs. Easley charged too much for her lessons. She stopped short.

From a house nearby came the sound of a radio. Someone was playing a violin number. Wendy held her breath, treasuring every precious note of it in her memory. When she baby-sat with Bobby again, she would try it. Mr. Critchlow didn't mind. He said it was a shame she wasn't taking lessons, but she was

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going to be a dancer, and she hated it. She couldn't say that to Nana, not for anything in the whole wide world. It would break Nana's heart.

She had thought she would buy a coat for Nana's birthday, with her allowance and the money she earned sitting with Bobby, but the clerk said why didn't she buy a stole. She found a lovely one, but even it cost too much. The clerk had said it might come down to five dollars if it were not sold before long. She might be able to save five dollars. She might, but she had to have nine presents. Oh, dear, dear!

"Hi, darling," Nana called as Wendy entered their small living room. "I've been waiting. Dinner is ready."

Wendy spent as much time as she could washing her hands. She was afraid Nana would ask what the matter was, but Nana had her mind on something else.

"Will you clear the kitchen, honey?" Nana asked as she rose from the table. "I have the hand work to finish on Mrs. Dillon's dress, and she wants it tomorrow."

Nana never seemed to be through with sewing lately, but Wendy was relieved. Nana was too busy to notice

ords were his. The song she loved most was "Dancing Hearts" for her daddy had written both the words and the music for her lovely mama. That one Nana would never let her play. Music bothered Nana—not all music, just daddy's.

"What is worrying you, Nana?" Three times she had turned and caught her grandmother sitting with her hands in her lap. That was not like Nana, 'specially when she was busy.

"What? Oh, nothing, dear." She raised her hand and rubbed it across her eyes. Her hand was thin, and the veins were large and blue. She had rubbed her eyes a lot lately.

"Nana, how do we get our money?" Nana looked up quickly. "Why, Wendy?"

"Well—we don't have a father to go to work."

"Darling, we have your father's insurance. We get a check every month. Isn't that wonderful?"

"Are we rich?" Wendy's hopes soared.

Nana sighed. "Did you want something, dear?"

"No—o, but if we have a check every month, why do you sew and people pay you for it?"

When Nana answered her voice was tired. "Now, Wendy, you know I love to sew, just as you love to dance."

"But I don't," Wendy thought to herself, "and I don't think you do either." Nana rubbed her eyes again, and that is when it came to Wendy—just like that. Her grandmother was going blind! When she could speak again she said, "Nana, you quit sewing, and I will quit dancing."

Nana was horrified. "Baby, you are going to be a famous dancer like your mother. Aren't you?"

Wendy nodded miserably. Only this afternoon Mrs. Easley, her dancing teacher, had scolded her for being so clumsy. "Lightly, Wendy," she had said. "You are supposed to be dancing, remember?" And Nana thought she was doing so well—even when she saw she would not believe.

"Nana, tell me about my mama." She knew the story by heart, but it would give her an excuse for tears.

Nana glanced quickly toward the music cabinet. Then she dropped her glance to her sewing. "Your mother was a dancer, Wendy. A wonderful, wonderful dancer. From the moment she could balance herself, she moved like thistledown. And she looked like

an angel with her bright curls, and her eyes were the color of the evening sky." Wendy touched her own straight black hair. "We loved her so much, so very much. We even loved the long, hard drive from our ranch in the hills to her dancing teacher."

"Yes?"

Nana put a thread through her needle. Her hands shook. She tied a knot in the thread then went on.

"One evening your grandfather went to cross the river in the cable car we had always used, and the cable broke. Two weeks later we found his body."

"And then you moved to town."

"Yes. I sold the ranch, and Cynthia and I moved from one dancing teacher to a better one. Each year she grew in beauty and skill until I thought my heart would break with love and pride. By the time our money was gone, she was earning enough to keep us with my making her dancing costumes. And no dancer ever had more beautiful ones."

"And then?" Wendy squirmed uncomfortably. She knew about those costumes. They were carefully stored waiting for her to grow into them.

"Then the war came, and there were soldiers everywhere. How they loved your mother. One night your lovely mama was dancing and a soldier saw her—"

"And," Wendy interrupted, "he was a great violinist, and they fell in love."

Nana's lips tightened. "Yes, they fell in love. A love that was beyond all reason. I talked and talked—I reminded Cynthia—"

"I know. I know," Wendy cried excitedly, "she said she was through dancing. All she wanted was to marry Wendstrom and have him sing and play for her and their babies. That's what you told me, huh?"

After a pause Nana answered, "Yes, she threw away all her training, and they were married. She followed him from camp to camp, and then you were born."

"And my beautiful mama went to heaven, and you came and brought me home. Daddy sent his violin with you for he didn't want to hear it again—ever. You wanted to break it in pieces, but you remembered my mama loved it." Tears were running down Wendy's cheeks, but some of them were for the violin that was never played.

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how she was feeling. When she was through with the kitchen, she went into the living room, sat on a stool and pretended to be reading.

The violin selection she had heard would not leave her alone. She wanted to sing it out loud, but she had better not. She glanced at their record player. Her daddy had given it to her mama, and most of the rec-



"PEOPLE'S CAPITALISM" AT WORK. Philip D. Reed (left), Board Chairman of General Electric, and Ralph J. Cordiner,

President, face the largest meeting of share owners ever assembled—nearly 4,000 General Electric share owners who attended

# PEOPLE'S CAPITALISM—

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2. We in America believe in high volume, and prices within the economic reach of all—not low volume, and prices only a few can pay.
3. We in America believe in high wages, high productivity and high purchasing power. They must occur together. One without the others defeats its own ends, but together they

spell dynamic growth and progress.

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## Dancing Hearts

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"Then your daddy's plane went down crossing the Hump, and there were just the two of us again."

There it was. Too numb even to cry, Wendy knew she *must* be a dancer. She must never hurt Nana for she had been hurt too much already. She must practise and practise. Then she would be rich and buy Nana a new coat.

That night Wendy counted her coins. Three dollars and eighty-seven cents. After three counts it was still the same.

"Oh, Nana, darling, why can't I be a dancer and make you happy as my mama did?"

Maybe she could save enough between now and the party to buy the stole and nine presents. She could get a cheaper stole, but the one she wanted was of downy white wool and had silver threads running through it. It *looked* like Nana.

ONE EVENING Nana sent her downtown for a spool of thread. She had to go to several stores before she found the exact shade. In a dime store she stopped to look at party favors. Then she saw them, the perfect presents, the loveliest, loveliest head scarves. Every color imaginable. Why each girl could have a color of her own. Wendy could attach each scarf to a placecard in such a way that they could appear to be flowers. And they were on special for fifty cents each. Of course, they were not bracelets, but they were something.

Day by day her party came closer, but she had added only forty cents to her coins. Even Mrs. Critchlow hadn't needed her.

Two nights before the party, which was to be Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Critchlow did call her. Mr. and Mrs. Critchlow went out and did not get home until nearly twelve o'clock. Wendy didn't mind, for he had left his violin out for her. When Mr. Critchlow took her home, he put some money in her hand and closed her fingers over it. "That is for you," he said, and was gone.

After kissing Nana goodnight, Wendy went to her own room and turned on the light. She couldn't believe her eyes. He had given her three dollars! She must take some of it back—but he had said it was for

her. She danced excitedly around her room. When she said her prayers, she thanked Heavenly Father for letting her have enough money to get the presents and the stole. Now the party would be a real party.

Friday after school Wendy hurried to the dime store and pushed her way to the counter.

"I hope I have nine left," the clerk said when at last she was ready to

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## The Power of Prevention

Richard L. Evans

WE HAVE SPOKEN before of the power of repentance—and repentance is a great and saving principle. But today we should like to turn for a moment or two to the power of prevention. It seems sometimes that we spend too much of our lives putting out fires—too much time running to meet emergencies—too much time attempting to fix things that shouldn't have happened. We cannot expect perfection in people, and in using the freedom God has given us, we all make mistakes. But it would seem that we would learn more from the long experience of mankind, more from knowing the laws of cause and consequence, and more of the power of prevention. It may be that we use this power more than we sometimes suppose, because prevention doesn't always receive the same notice as does meeting an emergency. We seldom, it seems, hear about the ship that doesn't sink, or the aircraft that doesn't crash, or the safe journey home on the highway, or the boy who doesn't go astray, or the surgery that isn't necessary, or the epidemic that doesn't develop. And certainly we don't hear about the fire that doesn't get started—nor much about the commandment that isn't broken—because the person who quietly and consistently lives his life, keeping peace with his neighbors, being faithful to his family, being respectful of law, isn't so likely to have his name in headlines. In this sense it is a blessed thing to keep out of the news, and to live, if not anonymously, at least not negatively. It is good to turn back from error, to seek to make amends for mistakes, to save life, to relieve sufferings after the accident, to help people back to health, to make repairs after damage is done. And great credit, great praise, a great debt is due those who meet emergencies, those who rise to crises, those who courageously and constructively rush from fire to fire, from wreck to wreck; those who help to undo damage already done. But along with the power to repair, along with the power to repent, along with the will to make amends, let us not lose sight also of the power to prevent which, while less dramatic, is less costly in money and in men and is more contributive to health and happiness. Personally and as a people, we should watch the warning signs, watch the symptoms, and not wait for the breaking point, not wait until something has progressed so far that it must be met with drastic measures. We should seek to learn to live not from crisis to crisis, but by thoughtful, prayerful foresight, with the power of prevention.

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## Dancing Hearts

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wait on Wendy. "Yes, there are ten. Do you want all of them? No? Okay. That will be four dollars and fifty-nine cents." She reached for the money.

Wendy opened her purse. She counted out the money. It took her a long time. When she had the money in her hand, she noticed how empty her purse was. Why—why, there wasn't five dollars left. There wasn't—but she did not have time to count it. She reached to give the clerk the money, but instead she turned and ran. She bumped into people and did not stop to excuse herself. She did not stop running until she reached the store where the stole had been. It was gone. She began to cry. Everything was gone, and Nana's birthday was ruined. Blinded by her tears she turned to leave and stumbled against the clerk who had always spoken to her.

"I knew you would come." She reached under the counter and brought out the stole. "So when they went on sale I held it back for you." Wendy gave her five dollars, and she gave Wendy a slip. "Take it to the third floor, and they will gift wrap it for you."

Excited and happy Wendy hurried home. What a scare! Suppose she hadn't gone for the stole after the clerk had saved it for her. It was too—too frightening to think about. With the money she had left she could get a pretty card for each girl, and if they didn't like the cards, well— She slipped in the back way and took the box to her room.

WHEN WENDY came back to the living room where Nana was sewing, she stopped so short she nearly fell. On the sewing table were dolls, paper dolls, ten of them, with skirts of tulle or satin or taffeta, and each skirt was a different color. And there were silver hearts for the decorations, too. They were right out of fairy land. There never had been anything like them for any other party.

"Oh, Nana, how could you have done it?" Wendy threw herself into her grandmother's waiting arms. "They are the most beautiful presents I have ever seen. Even Lois couldn't have had one as lovely." She stopped to wipe her eyes. "Nana,

I know you made the dolls, and the silver hearts, but when?"

There were tears in Nana's eyes, too. "I made them at odd times. I couldn't buy very much for the party. I knew you would love the dancing hearts. Would you like to see what I have for the girls?"

"For the girls?" Then Wendy understood. Nana had known all along what it meant to give a party, a real party. Oh, oh, and she had so nearly bought the scarves instead of the stole! She followed into Nana's bedroom. Nana opened her closet door and there, hanging in a row, were ten of the most exquisite costumes any girl had ever seen. The skirts of the dolls were made of the material of the costumes.

"Nana—Nana—aren't they—aren't they?"

"Yes, darling, they are your mother's dancing costumes made over for your guests."

"But how did you know the sizes?"

"That was easy. I called your dancing teacher."

Wendy swallowed hard. She had never dreamed of such presents. But—after all—

"Nana, I thought you were saving them for me. They would save buying new ones, you said."

Nana dropped to a chair and put her hands over her eyes. Wendy went to stand by her.

"Did I hurt you, Nana? I didn't mean to."

"No, no, baby. It is just hard for me to say what I must tell you."

Wendy waited, scarcely daring to breathe. Nana must know something very important.

Her soft silver hair curled about her face, and her eyes were round and bright just as Wendy imagined her own mother's had been.

"You see, Wendy, your Nana has been living in a beautiful but very unrealistic dream. It is hard to

awaken. Mr. Critchlow finally opened my eyes. I have been trying to make a dancer of you when you are a musician. You are your father's daughter as well as your mother's, but I refused to see it."

This was so bewildering, so confusing, so completely wonderful it could not mean what Wendy thought it meant. Nana was just being unselfish as she always was.

"I will be a dancer, Nana. I will practise and practise."

"But you are not a dancer. You are not your mother. You are your own dear self. Pull the box from under the bed. It is yours, and you may have it right now."

Trembling with joy, for she thought she knew what it was, Wendy brought out the box from its queer hiding place. She lifted the lid, and there lay her father's violin case. Very, very carefully she opened it and lifted the instrument to her cheek. It was happy to be there. She could tell by the feel. Twice she tried to speak, but no words came. She looked pleadingly at her grandmother. Nana's eyes were as they had been so many times lately.

"Nana," she cried, "are you going blind? You look so sad, and you are always putting your hand over your eyes."

Nana laughed, a real laugh. "I was blind, but now my eyes are open, and they do not hurt any more."

Wendy glanced at the costumes, but they didn't matter any more. She lifted the bow and drew it lovingly across the strings, and before she knew it she was into "Dancing Hearts." How she loved that song. Some day she would be a real musician, and Nana would be proud of her. She really would. She sighed as the last precious note faded away. Then she waited, a little frightened, for her grandmother to speak.

"How could I have been so blind? Can you forgive me, Wendy?"

"But you should forgive me. I thought you didn't know what a real party was like. And ours is going to be the most wonderful of all. The girls will love the dancing costumes. Nana," she turned her eyes from the violin, "may I play 'Dancing Hearts' just once for them?"

"You shall play it then and every day." There were no tears in Nana's eyes now, only shining happiness.

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### GREEN HILLS

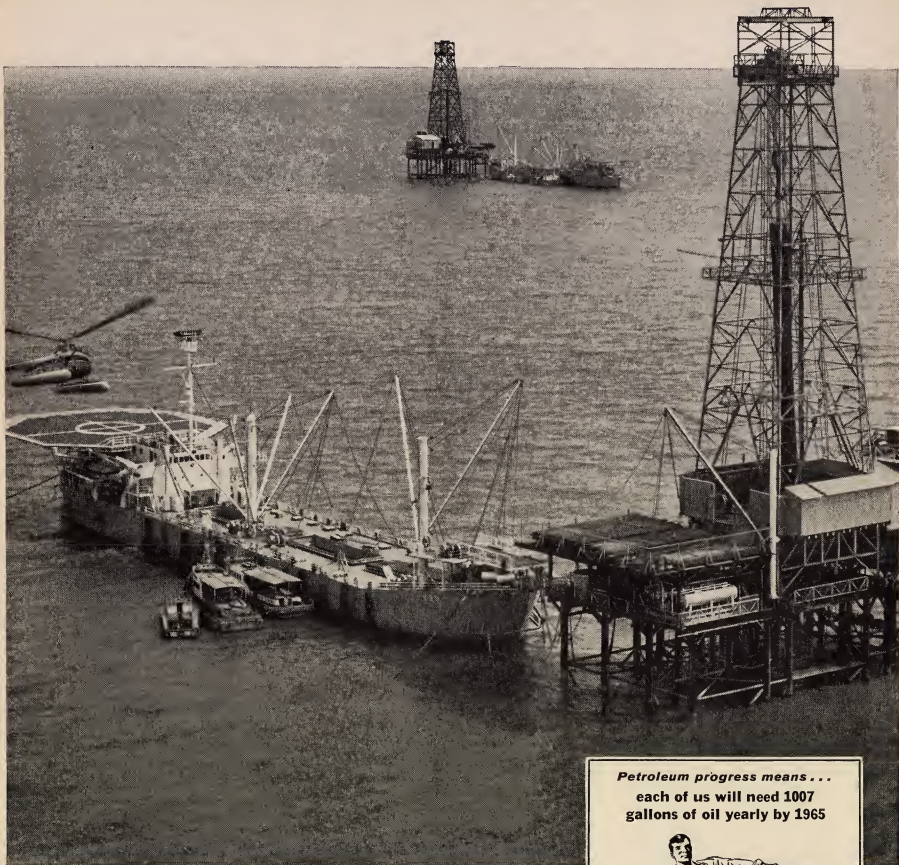
By Mary Lucretia Barker

GREEN HILLS after drought and sunlight on the fields,  
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## Birthday Present

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Madsen's window, that you liked so much. I—I had it laid away. Then Rickey broke his arm, and—I just can't ever give you a really nice present." Jean's throat got choked again. "Not even a small one," she went on more calmly now. "Emily gives you such marvelous things. And this time Richard and I both were deter—"

"And was that why you were crying?" her mother interrupted, her voice soft and sweet with tenderness.

"Jeanie, my dear—" her voice broke, and for a moment she couldn't speak. "My dear, you have given of yourself all through the years. You've taken me in; you've made me part of the family ever since Papa died. I would have been lost and

lonely without you. Don't you see, you've given me a present of yourself many, many times every year?"

She paused, and her eyes held a faraway look then came back to Jean with such love and affection they warmed Jean's heart.

Jane Ashley bent down and kissed her daughter. Jean dried her eyes and smiled.

"Aren't you going to try the dress on, Mama? We have plenty of time now."

"Not now, dear," she said almost indifferently. "As you say, there's plenty of time."

Jean understood her mother's perfunctory interest in the gifts now. She had wanted only Em's gay, charming self. And Emily had done the easiest of all things—bought her

presents, when she should have given herself.

She had always thought Em had been so wonderful to Mama.

A rush of tenderness toward Mama filled her. She wanted to put her arms around her and shield her from the hurt Emily had inflicted.

Today, this seventieth anniversary could be spoiled, but she wouldn't let it be.

"We're going to have a grand day, just the same, Mama. The rest of the family will come."

"Of course, my dear," Mrs. Ashley smiled. "Forgive me for letting you see my disappointment. It was selfish of me. If for no other reason than because of you, my Jean, it would be an extra special day."

## The Birthplace of the Son of God

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the Great, an Arabian favorite of Rome who had gained the title "King of the Jews" from the Roman Senate, and who had married Mariamne of the royal Jewish house of the Hasmoneans, came into power. At the head of a Roman army he captured Jerusalem after a horrible slaughter and turned the treasures of the temple, which was destroyed, over to the Romans.

Even though Herod committed many unspeakable acts of treachery, he did restore peace of a sort to Palestine, and the Romans, grateful for the service he was rendering, gave him broad powers. Once again the walls of the holy city were rebuilt and expanded. The temple was again restored, and the boundaries of the country were extended to about where they had been during the days of Solomon. Even though Herod was not a Jew, it was his policy, and the policy of the Roman conquerors, to let the people worship as they pleased and even be responsible for much of their own government as long as it did not interfere with the designs and plans of Rome.

The time was ripe: the world had known no real peace for many generations. The emphasis had been and was upon war and intrigue and power.

The Lord had not spoken to the earth through his prophets for hundreds of years. The true gospel and the plan of salvation was not among any people.

The place was chosen: the little-known town of Bethlchem, a few miles from Jerusalem, situated high in the Judean hills of Palestine, a tiny country far from the centers of world power and influence, yet near the center of the known world.

The Lord had chosen and prepared his people: He was to be born of the lineage of David, of the tribe of Judah of the house of Israel. These were good and righteous people whom the Lord had preserved for hundreds of years for this very reason.

And so the stage was set for the birth of the Son of God.

## Developing Self-Confidence

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at an audition and heard the excellent singers preceding him, his heart would zoom down to his feet, and he'd think despairingly, "What possible chance have I?" By the time it came his turn to sing, his knees would be knocking out the tune in accompaniment with his voice. Naturally,

this negative attitude was reflected in his carriage, in his voice and facial expression, and he, therefore, failed to succeed at the auditions.

After he came to realize and believe in the simple truths stated above—namely, that others felt as he did, that he was as good as anyone else and could do as well in his own way—things changed. He learned not to dread meeting people, to think more highly of himself, to zip through auditions with a smile and a clear expressive voice that won him many compliments and several opportunities.

Self-confidence is one of your most valuable assets and will influence everything you do. To build it up in yourself requires merely intelligence and persistent effort.

Examine yourself. Face your faults and weaknesses and make a serious effort to eradicate them.

Think of yourself as a capable person possessing great power for further development.

Bear in mind that self-confidence does not mean boastfulness, extreme aggressiveness, or ostentation. The man who is truly self-confident is simple and sincere.

Always try to be yourself at your best. Cultivate good manners and simplicity in taste and dress.

Practise poise, for it means strength, self-control, and reserve. Always look people in the eye.

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## A Nutritionist Answers

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even simple dishes; girls failed to plan for mealtime in addition to caring for personal needs. Some simply said: "We don't like breakfast. We are not hungry. We want to keep thin. We are reducing. Breakfast is the easiest meal to miss."

My suggestions for seeing that our teen-agers do not "starve" therefore begin (as every day should!) with a good breakfast. The family practice of sitting down to enjoy well-prepared food together each morning in a pleasant environment before leaving for school, work, or play, is important not only nutritionally, but also in fostering the feeling of security so important in normal emotional development. What teen-ager, with his family, would not enjoy a breakfast of chilled, sparkling orange juice, chopped hard-cooked eggs in seasoned white sauce served over toast or rice with a dash of paprika as a garnish, and a glass of milk—or sliced bananas in a bit of orange juice, cheese omelet with buttered cornmeal muffins, and milk?

It is not unusual for teen-agers to have some activities that keep them up late. Mothers, recognizing this situation, could prepare breakfast and say, "Look, I have everything ready. I know you were a bit late last night so I have something especially good for you to eat." Mothers, be alert to special situations. And of course you should be up as early or earlier than your children.

When breakfast foods are not liked,

make up for their lack during the day. If milk, for example, is not relished for a time, cook with it; put it in gravies, soups, and sauces. Eggs can be added to salads, casseroles, puddings. Cereals need not be served only at breakfast. Oatmeal is excellent in meat loaf and cookies.

Remember that the persistent "no appetite" and non-interest in food might be a reflection of many things. Wise parents faced with this attitude will seek advice from their family physician, dentist, or Church leaders.

Make vegetables attractive, colorful, and vary their preparation. They are good creamed, buttered, or in stews, soups and casseroles. Try green beans with mushroom soup or baked mashed whipped carrots. Zucchini cooked in tomato juice or baked with cheese and ground beef gives zest to meals, as does shredded raw carrot steamed and panned with a bit of table fat until tender, and served plain or with chopped parsley.

Teen-agers are prone to snacks. They raid the icebox, visit the soda fountains, patronize the nearby snack shops. Studies have shown that these snacks are usually high in carbohydrates but poor in other essential nutrients.

A frequent misconception is that essential foods are fattening. This is not true. In one state a study showed that the proportion of heavy girls was twice as great in the group having less than one pint of milk than those having more than one and one-half pints. I encountered an overweight

	Calories	Proteins	Calcium	Iron	Vitamin A	Thiamine	Riboflavin	Niacin	Vitamin C	Vitamin D
Boys		gr	gr	mg	I.U.	mg	mg	mg	mg	I.U.
13-15	3200	85	1.4	15	5000	1.6	2.1	16	90	400
16-20	3800	100	1.4	15	5000	1.9	2.5	19	100	400
Girls										
13-15	2500	80	1.3	15	5000	1.3	2.0	13	80	400
16-20	2400	75	1.3	15	5000	1.2	1.9	12	80	400
Adults										
Men 25	3200	65	.8	12	5000	1.6	1.6	16	75	
Women 25	2300	55	.8	12	5000	1.2	1.4	12	70	

Note the unusually high teen-age need for protein, calcium, iron, and some vitamins, as compared with the adult recommended allowance. The caloric need is also higher for the 16 to 20-year-old boy than the adult man, and girls need more calories than an adult woman.



girl who had stopped drinking milk because it was fattening, but a day's snacks included three doughnuts, one candy bar, and a soft drink.

Since teen-agers are prone to nibbling, why not make it useful in satisfying nutritional needs? Interesting names attached to food can make it appealing: "Calorie Controlled," "Sandwiches in the Shade," "After Theater Spreads," "Surprise Burgers," "Weight Wary Specials," "Party-wiches," "Tasty Snacks for Hunger Pangs."

And have snacks ready when your teen-agers return from school or when friends make home calls. They would love broiled hamburgers and a milk shake. Protein could be increased by having mixed ground beef with egg all ready for them to cook.

Take the attitude that teen-agers do like to eat, that food is good and food is fun. When family food practices fall into a rut, it is unfair to blame the adolescents who as a result develop their own poor food practices.

Teen-agers do not want to be told what to eat by an adult who "knows better." Try letting them help with the meal planning, marketing, cooking, trying new recipes—taking a variety of responsibilities in connection with their meals.

Sometimes teen-agers reject temporarily some foods that were formerly satisfying in favor of other foods. Food binges can be perfectly normal if they do not continue long and influence good selection. Some girls can be influenced into good diet by pointing out the relation between good foods and good looks, well-formed teeth, glossy hair, clear skin, and posture. For a boy, relate good health to endurance, strength, ability.

Avoid threats about consequences if some foods are not eaten. Rather, listen to your youngsters. Allow them to talk about how they feel about foods.

We must not overlook a father's part in good eating patterns. His spontaneous comment to a mother or a teen-ager who prepares food as to how good it is, how interesting it looks, is important. Well-prepared meals always deserve his praise, and variations and surprises in the family food patterns are good praise-stimulators.

Remember always that senior high school girls are looking forward to marriage and acquaint them with the

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growing evidence that a woman's nutritional status at the time she becomes an expectant mother has considerable influence upon her ability to bear a vigorous child and remain in good health herself.

In one state, typical of several states, there are many marriages under the age of 21 years. In 1954 there were 38 marriages under the age of 15; 134 marriages at age 16; 614 at age 17; 988 at age 18; 910 at age 19; and 643 at age 20, which means that a total of 3,327 girls married under the age of 21 years.

Last year, 1955, there were 15 marriages under the age of 15; 171 at age 15; 396 at age 16; 674 at age 17; 1,118 at age 18; 938 at age 19; and 745 at age 20, making a total of 4,053 marriages under the age of 21 years. These are the young mothers of today.

In 1954 there were 2,925 live births to mothers under the age of 20 years and 7,993 live births to mothers in the age group 20-24 years. Last year there were 12 live births to mothers under the age of 15 and 3,002 live births to mothers age 15 to 19, with a total of 8,166 live births to mothers of ages 20 to 24. These figures show the need for good nutrition in the teens.

Calcium and vitamin D studies by Dr. Genevieve Stearns, research professor at the University of Iowa, indicate that girls eleven to fifteen years of age who had been poorly nourished for a long period of time failed to retain as much calcium as girls who were better nourished during the early years. It took from three to five months for these poorly nourished girls to have satisfactory calcium retention, which is so important during pregnancy. Dr. Stearns emphasizes that the longer any adolescent is in a poor state of nutrition the longer it will take to get in a good state.

Investigations with teen-agers have indicated also that endemic goiter, dental caries, overweight, underweight, and occasional diseases such as tuberculosis could be decreased by optimum diet.

A good daily food guide includes eggs, meat, milk, vegetables, fruits, cereals, bread, and some fat. A suggested day's menu might include:

1½ pints to 1 quart milk

1 egg

1 large serving meat, fish or poultry

3 servings of vegetables (one of these green or yellow)

2 servings of fruit (one a rich source of vitamin C)

2-5 servings of bread or cereals. Use whole grain and enriched

1-3 tablespoons fat (butter and margarine)

Some source of vitamin D (milk

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## The warning signs and symptoms

Richard L. Evans

WE SHOULD LIKE to consider for a moment or two another side of the power of prevention: Often we become so busy in life that we ignore the first symptoms and the warning signs in many matters. Under the pressures of a complex living pattern, we sometimes become so intent on the next place we have to be, the next thing we have to do, that we often bypass impressions which, had we heeded them, might have helped something to happen or kept something from happening. Parents, for example, sometimes become so busy with other obligations and interests and activities that they fail to see, or, if they see, fail fully to sense the first signs of changes in their children—change of attitude, change of affection, change of interest and activity, change of the company they keep. These may be for better or for worse, but at least parents should pause and look and sense and see—should watch the signs—the warning signs—should watch the symptoms. As devotedly and patiently and prayerfully they live for it, parents are entitled to a kind of wisdom, to a kind of guidance, to a discerning sense concerning their children; and by love, and by wise and patient counsel, and by faith and forbearance, can sometimes save mistakes and hazards and heartaches, and can sometimes keep them from cluttering their lives, from marring their records, from turning down wrong roads. By watching early signs and symptoms, not too obviously, not too intrusively, parents can often exercise the power of prevention. Often, in other ways also, people may have impressions of things they should or shouldn't do—a kind of still small voice seeming to talk inside—something we might call conscience or something even over and beyond that which might be called conscience. And when a person approaches decisions or situations which have inherently within them the elements of danger or disgrace, it would seldom seem that anyone could honestly say that he is utterly and entirely unaware of any sense of warning, of any sense that he was doing or considering something he shouldn't do. Call them what we will, it seems that we often have occasion to regret ignoring impressions, ignoring the warning signs and symptoms. God help us earnestly, intelligently, prayerfully, to heed the warning signs and symptoms, to pay more honest, purposeful attention to the power of prevention.

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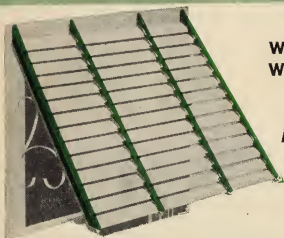
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<sup>2</sup>Literature available from the Utah State Health Department, Salt Lake City.

"A Good Daily Food Guide."

"The Right Kind of Food Can Help your Child to Success and Happiness."

"Why Shouldn't I Smoke?"

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"Nutrition and Healthy Growth" Children's Bureau, published, 1953. U. S. Dept. of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D. C.

## These Times

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Russian, and US investors stood aloof. In 1875 Disraeli bought 176,602 shares for the British government, in a stroke of imperial fortune, when the Egyptian pasha was forced to sell his block of shares in a distress sale to raise money.

Construction began April 28, 1859. The work was completed on a 100-mile canal, 8 meters deep, and 22 wide (at the bottom), for a gala opening November 16, 1869. The following table shows the growth of shipping through the canal:

1870 —	500 vessels
1912 —	5,373 "
1953 —	12,731 "

The current rate is estimated at about 45 ships each day, or, over 16,000 each year. Receipts the first two years were less than operating costs. The French company had many financial crises. But as of today, the dividends have totaled over eight times the investment, and in good years like 1925, the revenues exceeded costs by as much as nine times.

The concessions of 1854-56, to run for 99 years after opening, require equal charges to ships of all nations; forbid preferential treatment, and declare the waterway open to all merchant ships without reference to flag.

How did the British acquire "control" of this great waterway?

This is an interesting story. The company "nationalized" by Nasser on July 26, 1956, remained the original

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French company. Its directors have included as many as twenty Frenchmen, ten Britishers, and a Dutchman at a single time, with British and French technicians on the site.

In 1882 British forces occupied Egypt to quell a nationalistic uprising—Turkey being the “sick man of Europe”—and remained. The French were interested but did not move as effectively. By 1898 British control was complete, and in 1914 Egypt was declared a British protectorate. World War I, according to Sir Ian Malcolm, “utterly changed the character of the administration and purpose” of the canal company because the defense of the facility was handed to British military authorities. The entire canal was carefully patrolled as the “lifeline” of Empire and for Allied shipping. In 1922 Britain relinquished the “protectorate” and granted independence to Egypt but left defense still in British hands and the country under British military occupation. A treaty of August 26, 1936, was later signed to run for twenty years, terminating British military occupation—save for the canal area—but continuing the right to intervene. World War II saw the British defense of Egypt against Italy and German forces under Rommel. In July 1954, the British agreed to make good, in effect, the 1956 withdrawal. An agreement signed at Cairo, July 27, 1954, left the canal base in the hands of commercial maintenance, with British troops to withdraw completely (which they did within twenty months as required), but with the right to reoccupy in the event of an attack on Egypt, Turkey, or any state of the Arab League. Thus, presumably, if Israel were to attack Egypt, it might be used as an excuse for British troops to reoccupy Suez.

The basic principles controlling use of the canal, as fixed in the original concessions, were restated in the Suez Canal convention signed at Constantinople, October 29, 1888. In the face of Nasser's nationalization, the purpose of the new twenty-four-nation conference seems to be to restate these principles in a new document which will bind Egypt, now in physical possession and command of facilities.

In 1953, twelve thousand seven hundred and thirty-one ships passed through the canal, which has been widened, deepened, and improved over the years. Forty-seven million tons of crude oil—two-thirds of the entire canal traffic—moved through en route to Europe. If and when Egypt gets machines and industries capable of using the rich oil of the Middle East, a new state of world affairs can be visualized.

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Norwegian	15.0	percent
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Panamanian	8.6	"
Liberian	5.4	"
US	4.4	"

The remainder was scattered. Panamanian and Liberian ships are often US-owned.

Egypt has been asked many times by the company to prolong its concession beyond 1968 and has regularly refused. Egypt is probably well within its legal rights in the act of nationalization, judging by past history. But the issues are not really legal. They are moral, economic, and political. The immediate destiny of Israel is at stake; oil for Western Europe is at stake; and a new shift in the balance of power is in the making in these times.

## Buying a Home?

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percent interest over twenty years is paying \$2,006 more interest than one who pays only 4½ percent.

If financial circumstances warrant a family's making payments against the mortgage principal, considerable savings can be effected. Also, each dollar paid against the principal will reduce the interest payment. It would be wise, however, to check with your lending institution to determine if this can be done without penalty. Some conventional loans invoke a penalty on the borrower for such prepayments on principal. Loans insured by the Veterans Administration and the Federal Housing Administration permit the borrower to make such payments without penalty.

## RETURN IN AUTUMN

By Lance Delaney

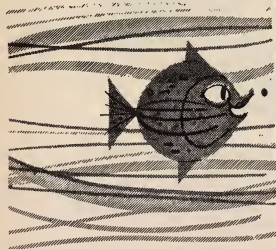
WHERE THE yellow goldenrod  
Lights the hill like candles,  
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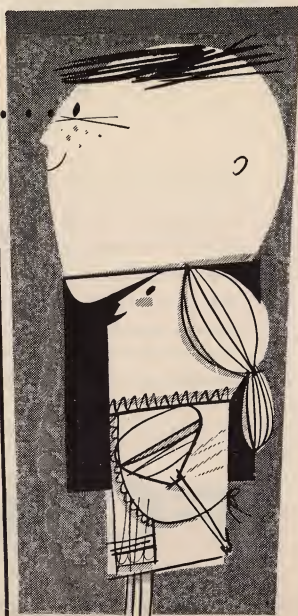
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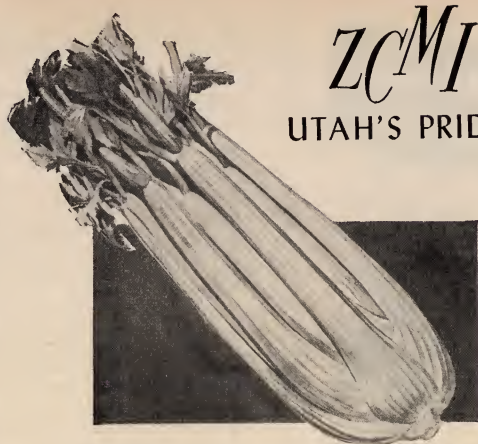
## There Were Jaredites

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"primitive" about the civilization of the Hittites: it was rich, sophisticated, mobile, restless, brutal, acquisitive, energetic, and military, in all of which the reader will scarcely need to be reminded of the Jaredites.

From various letters of the Hittites we learn that their great houses had extensive political, economic, and family ties with the lords of the Ah-hiyawa to the west. It is pretty certain by now that these were none other than Homer's Achaeans. And so we are back to Chadwick: Since Homer furnishes the yardstick by which other heroic ages are measured, there is not much point in demonstrating that Homer's world is heroic. Yet since we are dealing with the beginning of things, it is not amiss to point out that in those passages of Homer which are admittedly most archaic we have to do with a world identical with the epic milieu of the earliest Egyptians and Sumerians. The Apollo of the opening scenes of the *Iliad* is not the shining youth of the classical tradition but a grim war lord of the steppes, who comes from the far northeast, the land of the Hyperboreans, sweeping like a storm wind across the plain in a shower of arrows—"and his coming was like the coming of night!" "Hear me, Silver-bow," cries his priest in supplication, "thou who travelst the rounds to Chryses (one of his many castles or shrines), and who rulest mightily in Killa and Tenedos, O Sminteus (another title): if ever I drove peace offerings to thy shrine or burned fat roasts of mutton and beef at thy feasts, grant me now what I ask: make those Danaeans pay for my tears with your arrows!" For all the world this is the typical appeal of the Hittite or Hurrian vassal to his lord. And when Apollo responds, he crouches at a distance from the Greek camp like an Indian fighter and from his invisible position pours poisoned arrows into the camp, apparently from nowhere: he is a typical scourge of the plains. And so is father Zeus, *Nephelegeretes*, "the god of the *cumulo-nimbus*," who always moves with the thunder. The thunder is the sound of his chariot, and "all the higher divinities of the Greeks have a chariot and pair ascribed to them."<sup>35</sup> He comes as a conqueror and settles down as a

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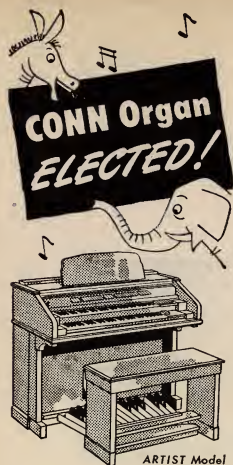
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tyrant: "You rule now," Prometheus reminds him through his haughty messenger, "and as new conquerors

think to live at ease in your new castle. But have I not seen two such tyrants fall already? You can take it from me that number three who

## On—or over the edge

Richard L. Evans

SOME TWENTY CENTURIES or so ago Epictetus gave us these very modern-sounding sentences: "It needs but a little to overthrow and destroy everything—just a slight aberration from reason. For the helmsman to wreck his vessel, he does not need the same resources as he needs to save it: If he turn it but a little too far to the wind, he is lost; yes, and if he do it not deliberately but from mere want of attention, he is lost all the same. It is very much the same in life, if you doze but a little, all that you have amassed up till now leaves you. Keep awake then, and watch your impressions: It is no trifle you have in keeping, but self-respect, honour, constancy, a quiet mind, untouched by distress. . . ." These sentences suggest several facets of a subject which could be successively considered. But at least one phase of it we should like to turn to for a moment or two today: Often seemingly, there are only slight differences between success and failure, between solvency and insolvency, between safety and sorrow. We say "seemingly slight" but the differences in results are in fact by no means "slight," but gravely serious. Consider for a moment just the matter of physical motion: In driving down the highway, or in any physical movement, sometimes two feet, or one foot, or even the fraction of an inch is the margin between safety and sorrow. Either we hit—or we don't hit. Either we keep the wheels on or over the edge. Either we keep on the safe side of the shoulder or center line—or we don't keep on the safe side. And if two feet, or one foot, or even an inch is the margin of safety, may we unforgettably never forget this shocking but elementary reminder: that a speed of 60 miles an hour means moving 88 feet in a single second! And even at half the 60 mile mark—even 30 miles an hour—means moving 44 feet in a single second! And with movements of many feet in a single second, life comes pretty close, all the time, to being on the brink. And only a little inattention, only a little dozing at the wheel, only a little dulling of the senses, only a little "aberration from reason," as Epictetus observed—only a little—may be the difference between wholeness and permanent impairment—or between life and death! There is no time for inattention, no time for carelessness or thoughtlessness, or for senses that are less than fully alert, even for a fractional instant. So much for the physical side of the subject. Admittedly it is shocking and sobering. In matters of physical motion, as well as in many other matters, men cannot become careless in conduct without the ever imminent possibility of paying a very high price.

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<sup>1</sup>Discourses of Epictetus, Book IV, Chapter 3.



lords it now is not only the worst of the lot, but his rule is going to be the shortest."<sup>36</sup>

Aristotle says the tragic poets concentrated on the doings of a few great houses from the heroic age because their affairs were "naturally tragic," were real history, "handed down by tradition," no matter how freely the poets may have dealt with details.<sup>37</sup> The plays of Aeschylus show us the sordid and murderous clash of wills and ambitions in the great princely families after the conquest. The dreadful things that go on in the castle on the hill have always held excitement for the rest of us—they are the great stuff of literature. History is no less the child of the heroic age, and the writing of it down to our own times has been in the strictly heroic tradition, with "princes to act, and monarchs to behold the swelling scene!"

Next the friends spent an evening with Professor Sindh and heard about the prehistoric society of those Indo-Iranian invaders who followed their cousins into central Asia and spread abroad with great rapidity about 2000 B.C. The Yashts are the ancient books which describe their way of life as it was in the beginning: "The Yashts are saturated with the spirit of chivalry;" in them "we find ourselves in the Epic Age of the ancient Iranians."<sup>38</sup> There is the king at the head of his victorious migrating host, slaying the great snake and finding water.<sup>39</sup> His royal successor is the "perfect Chief: whose face looks over all the seven Karshvares of the earth; who is swift amongst the swift, liberal amongst the liberal, strong amongst the strong, a chief of assembly amongst the chiefs of assemblies; increase-giving, fatness-giving, cattle-giving, sovereignty-giving. . . ."<sup>40</sup> Like Mithra, he is "the King, Ruler, and Chief-inspector of the entire world."<sup>40</sup> He is "he of the ten thousand spies, the powerful, all-knowing, undecivable god . . . who drives along in his high-wheeled chariot."<sup>41</sup> He was the chief herdsman and the chief hunter of the realm, and all who would not fight him must submit to him.<sup>42</sup> Yet his relatives, the great nobles, were always plotting to get the throne from him, even as Cyrus drew off the retainers of King Cyaxares who cried: "You are now great and glorious, thanks to my retainers! I would rather go down under the earth than

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be seen weak. . . . But you are on top now, and my own followers are in a position to control me."<sup>743</sup> Even so "Mazda, the divine hero, took from the Daevas both riches and welfare, both fatness and flocks, both weal and glory. Then Mithra seized that Glory . . . the second time the Glory departed from Yim. . . . Then Threatona seized that Glory . . . who killed the snake Srvara."<sup>744</sup> "From whom shall I take away, without his thinking of it, the awful sovereignty," cries Mithra, ". . . who orders chastisement and his order is done at once."<sup>745</sup> He is "the lord of the wide pastures . . . strong, sleepless, and ever awake. To whom the chiefs of the nations offer up sacrifices, as they go to the field against the havocking host . . . with the fiend-smiting wind."<sup>746</sup> All his liege men are bound to him by awful oaths, and whoever breaks his oath loses his eyes and ears, and "Mithra sends the heads rolling of those who break fealty to him, and destroys their houses."<sup>747</sup> The Jaredite oath of fealty, it will be recalled, was by one's head. Yet if a king overlooked a threat to his honor or challenge to his power, such defaulting would be interpreted as a confession of weakness and would absolve his followers from their oaths to him while binding them to his adversary.<sup>45</sup> Therefore the king's business was to wage single combat with his enemies. But before attacking any enemy the king would send him a formal message inviting him to submit to Mazda and become his subject.<sup>49</sup> The Persian court, with the great throne in its center, was skillfully stage-managed and furnished the model of European courts and cathedrals.<sup>50</sup>

According to the Iranians, the very first man was also the first king, the killer of serpents, followed immediately by eight rulers bearing the title of *kavi*, and these, says Christensen, "were purely human figures whose deeds . . . have absolutely no mythical character."<sup>751</sup> "Those men are kings of kingdoms," says the Yasht, "that are rich in horses, with large tributaries, with snorting horses, and sounding chariots, flashing swords, rich in aliments and in stores of food; . . . they have houses that stand well laid up, rich in cattle . . .

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they have ladies that wait for them . . . and slim-waisted, tall daughters with long fingers . . . hoards of silver and gold brought together from distant regions; and garments of splendid make."<sup>52</sup> In the castle "where whole herds of cattle and hosts of men are at home, there is high feasting and stout portions for everyone."<sup>53</sup> This chivalrous stock, the cultural and spiritual ancestors of the knighthood of Europe, went the usual way of "despotism tempered by dethronement and assassination."<sup>54</sup> These are just a few high points of the earliest Indo-European civilization, but they are enough to indicate that we have here no exception to the general rule of a genuine epic background.

It has recently been claimed that the very first waves of migrants into Egypt spoke Semitic languages, which have been spoken there without interruption to the present day.<sup>55</sup> The Ammorites, Canaanites, Phoenicians, Hebrews, Babylonians, and Assyrians were all Semitic speaking, and this has been taken to indicate a common homeland for all of them in the "Arab cradle." Scholars have long held the opinion that there are two main sources and centers of migration in the Old World, two areas from which, from time to time, waves of invaders move out in all directions to inundate the peripheral areas and revitalize the ancient sedentary civilizations of those areas with fresh blood. The two centers are Central Asia and the Arabian Desert. Significantly enough, Hrozný finds the key to the earliest of all world migrations to be the good Jaredite word *Kish*, the distribution of which indicates to this great philologist the spreading of all civilization at one time from a single center, perhaps in west-central Asia, north or east of the Caspian, or what we have always called "Jaredite country."<sup>56</sup> Both regions are potential dust bowls supporting large seminomadic populations of herdsmen, hunters, and farmers. It does not take a violent cataclysm of nature to send these people forth in all directions in a desperate search for grass: Just a few abnormally dry years and the dispersion is on, snowballing as it goes and overrunning the richer and safer civilizations of the periphery. Abraham went to Egypt because he had to: "There was corn in Egypt," and

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## There Were Jaredites

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the marginal subsistence for his flocks and herds had been wiped out.

Let us remember that Robert Wood first became aware of the genuine heroic milieu behind the writings of Homer when he visited the Beduins of the desert, who reminded him also of the patriarchs of Israel. Here we are in the cradle and source of heroic culture; this is the permanent epic milieu; these people are always on the march and always fighting; they are full-time heroes, experts and specialists in conquest, as their phenomenal record of victory shows.<sup>57</sup> It would be hard to say whether the Central Asiatics or the Arabs are best at the game; for our purpose the most interesting thing is that they represent the most essential element in the culture of the Jaredites and the Nephites, respectively.

The story of Rome begins, according to Livy, with the entrance on the scene of a band of migrants, led by the hero Aeneas, "looking for a place to settle down" (*quaerentem sedes*). At his first stop he expelled the na-

tives and built a city, named after his wife. His grandsons Romulus and Remus lived by hunting, robbing, and cattle-raiding, and their suckling by a wolf was the result of their having been hidden in the woods to escape the plans of a great lord and relative who was determined to keep the rule in his branch of the family. They gathered about them a robber band, not a community of pious farmers, and after killing his brother, Romulus founded a city named after himself to become a shrine and center of dominion. All this, says Liy, was simply following the custom of other great cattle-driving heroes and rustlers—all of them bad men and adventurers.<sup>58</sup> Ancus Martius, the third king of Rome, captured the city of the Latins and transplanted "the entire Roman multitude to it," in the best Asiatic manner, turning their old lands back to grazing and agriculture. Exactly in the middle of his new city overlooking the forum, he built a grim castle, "a dungeon to discourage any rising insolence."<sup>59</sup> Forever after, Rome remains a world

of jails, and the history of the kings is typically heroic and utterly full of abominations. Fighting was formally and chivalrously conducted, the winners driving off the cattle of the losers. Sometimes a great lord, accompanied by a huge army of retainers, would go over from one camp to another and be received with recognition of rank and a suitable grant of land.<sup>60</sup> When a people went back on their oath to Rome, their princes were beheaded, their walls torn down, and their fields sold.<sup>61</sup> The kings would distribute all the loot among their followers as a reward for their allegiance.<sup>62</sup> From the time of Sulla, according to Sallust, the great houses "all took to plundering each other, betrayals, coveting each other's houses and lands . . . it is all a story of parricides, sacrilege, and what not"<sup>63</sup> as when, for example, a great lord could make his retainers drink blood in swearing to him awful oaths to participate in his crimes.<sup>64</sup> Coming down to the time of the empire we read how the emperor "shall hurl his spear beyond the stars, and his course shall lie

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beyond that of the rounds of the sun . . . he shall impose peaceful ways, spare those who submit and make war on those who remain proud—that is the man!"<sup>765</sup> It might be the first pharaoh speaking!

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#### CYCLE

By Ruth Bassett

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 A moonlight night;  
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# Melchizedek Priesthood

## Assistants to the Twelve Apostles

### ASSISTANTS TO THE TWELVE APOSTLES APPOINTED

**D**URING RECENT years the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has grown so rapidly and the amount of work for the General Authorities has increased so tremendously that the First Presidency have seen a need for additional help to carry forward the program of the Church. President Heber J. Grant, the Prophet, Seer, and Revelator of the Church of Jesus Christ, holding the keys of the kingdom, selected five brethren to be Assistants to the Twelve Apostles. They were presented to the body of the Church at the general conference and sustained on April 6, 1941, to that position. The five brethren who constituted the first group of Assistants were: Marion G. Romney, Thomas E. McKay, Clifford E. Young, Alma Sonne, and Nicholas G. Smith. Since that time there have been additions made to the number of Assistants to the apostles.

### NUMBER OF ASSISTANTS TO THE APOSTLES

At the present time the following seven outstanding men occupy the positions of Assistants to the Council of the Twelve: Thomas E. McKay, Clifford E. Young, Alma Sonne, ElRay L. Christiansen, John Longden, Hugh B. Brown, and Sterling W. Sill. In the future that number may be increased, and on the other hand, it may be decreased.

### SUSTAINING AND SETTING APART OF ASSISTANTS

The Assistants to the Twelve Apostles are selected from the body of the Church by the President, approved by his Counselors and the Twelve Apostles,

and then sustained by the body of the Church at a general conference as General Authorities and Assistants to the Quorum of the Twelve. Thereafter they are set apart by the President of the Church or one whom he may designate to perform the ordinance.

### DUTIES OF THE ASSISTANTS TO THE APOSTLES

The Assistants to the Twelve Apostles, working under the direction of the First Presidency and the Twelve, function with the other General Authorities in regulating the affairs of the Church of Jesus Christ and in helping to build the kingdom of God. They receive any assignments that the First Presidency or the President of the Twelve and his associates desire to give them.

The Assistants to the Apostles at the present time are assigned to perform many of the tasks which the Twelve Apostles are assigned to do. They function as General Authorities of the Church in conducting stake conferences, in touring missions, in ordaining bishoprics, and in approving and setting apart presidencies of high priests' quorums. They assist the Apostles in reorganizing stakes. They also interview prospective missionaries and recommend them for calls to missions. They co-operate with the First Council of the Seventy by ordaining seventies and setting apart presidencies of seventies' quorums. They also receive assignments to perform temple marriages, and other such special assignments as the First Presidency may desire to give them; for example, President ElRay L. Christiansen is serving at the present time under special assignment as president of the Salt Lake Temple.

### ASSISTANTS TO THE APOSTLES ARE HIGH PRIESTS

All of the Assistants to the Twelve Apostles are high priests. If an elder or a seventy should be selected to be an Assistant to the apostles, he would be ordained to the office of a high priest.

### ASSISTANTS TO THE APOSTLES DO NOT CONSTITUTE A QUORUM

The Assistants to the Twelve Apostles do not constitute a quorum in the priesthood. Each of them belongs to the respective high priests' quorum of the stake in which he lives. Since the Assistants to the Apostles do not constitute a quorum, they do not hold special meetings as a body of the priesthood.

The Assistants to the Apostles attend the meetings of the General Authorities to which they have been invited and over which the President of the Twelve Apostles or the President of the Church presides; for example, all of the General Authorities, with the exception of the First Presidency, assemble each Wednesday afternoon in a report meeting in which the Assistants to the Apostles, the members of the First Council of the Seventy, and the members of the Presiding Bishopric report the conferences they have attended or the missions they have toured. It is a general report and business meeting wherein the activities of the various phases of the Church programs are reported, and also where the General Authorities receive instructions from the President of the Twelve Apostles.

Also, the Assistants to the Apostles meet with other General Authorities as members of the general priesthood committee, as well as functioning on other committee assignments. Thus in every way in accordance with their scope of assignments, they are helping to regulate and administer the activities of the Church.



## Meliton Gonzalez Trejo

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he always bore them cheerfully. Although his family in Spain completely disowned him, he forgave them, loved them, did the temple work for those who were deceased. He never regretted the sacrifices he made in becoming a Latter-day Saint, and he was staunch and true until his devoted spirit took its flight from mortality. He suffered much during the last six months of his life but endured the physical pain with fortitude. His last words were an expression of willingness to go if the Lord wanted him to, yet he regretted leaving his family.

Though performed quietly and unostentatiously, almost in obscurity, the work of Elder Trejo has been of great importance to the Church and to thousands of individuals. He helped to make it possible for millions of Spanish-speaking people to study the gospel in their own native tongue. His fervent testimony, borne to thousands, helped to bring many souls to the Lord, and strengthened the faith of untold others. The genealogical research which he did opened the door for many of his ancestors to receive the gospel through vicarious temple ordinances. He was truly one of the great pioneers of the Church, and many will call him blessed.

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### REPLY

By Elaine V. Emans

WHY AM I glad today, you ask—  
But must I name one reason for it?  
I would be wrong to say it's this  
Weather alone, though I adore it,  
While I should only brush the edge  
Of reasons, answering, "Because  
Of a letter I received," "A bird  
Song sweeter than I thought it was"—  
"A way I found to help a friend"—  
"A paragraph I read." I could  
Be lengthily specific, dear—  
But, very briefly, life is good.

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## Ward Teaching

### Ward Teaching Is a Sacred Duty

I DO NOT know of any duty that is more sacred or more necessary to be carried out as it should be than the duty of the teachers who visit the homes of the people and pray with them, admonishing them to virtue and honor, unity, love, faith, and fidelity to the cause of Zion; to strive to settle uncertainties in the minds of the people and bring them to the standards of the knowledge that they should possess in the gospel of Jesus Christ. May all the people open their doors, call in the members of their family, and respect the visits of the teachers to their homes and join with them in striving to bring about a better condition in the homes than ordinarily exists." (President Joseph F. Smith, *Gospel Doctrine*, p. 189.)

### Divine Approval Greatest Security

WE ALL APPRECIATE the approval of friends and associates. Acceptance by them gives us a feeling of security. But more than the sanction of friends, we need divine approval, the benediction of our Heavenly Father. Those of us who serve faithfully in this great Church enjoy the special privilege of knowing when our efforts are acceptable to him. The Prophet Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery were told how the key to divine approbation is obtained:

Behold, the field is white already to harvest; therefore, whoso desireth to reap let him thrust in his sickle with his might, and reap while the day lasts, that he may treasure up for his soul everlasting salvation in the kingdom of God.

Yea, whosoever will thrust in his sickle and reap, the same is called of God. (D & C 12:3-4.)

If we cultivate the qualities of sincerity, an honest desire to build up the kingdom of God, and a love for our fellow men, we are worthy to be "called of God." Ward teachers are not excepted. If they conform to the commandments of the Lord, they too are entitled to his promises and to experience the feeling of security that comes from divine approval.

## Study Guide For Ward Teachers

October 1956

### Reverence In Our Chapels

THE STATEMENT is sometimes heard that the Latter-day Saints are not as reverent in their houses of worship as are people of other faiths. It is said we engage in boisterous talk and loud laughter, and our children are allowed without restraint to race up and down the aisles, to mar and scratch the pews, mutilate and tear the hymnbooks.

Unfortunately, there is some basis for this criticism. This condition should not exist. Latter-day Saints, above all people, should be reverent in all things pertaining to God. There is no excuse or justification for conduct other than that of good order and reverence in our houses of worship. We should teach our children to be orderly and quiet when they enter a chapel, that it, above all other buildings, should be held in respect and reverence. We would not think of desecrating a lovely home or a king's palace, nor would we permit our children to do so. Should our attitude toward a house dedicated to our Heavenly Father be less?

Our chapels are houses of worship, houses of prayer, in which the Latter-day Saints assemble each Sabbath day to partake of the Sacrament of the Lord's supper, to covenant with the Lord that they will keep his commandments, that they may have his Spirit to be with them. Here they are taught the truths of the gospel—"words of wisdom." (See D & C 59:9-12; also 109:13-14.)

Therefore, it is incumbent upon Latter-day Saints to maintain a spirit of reverence in our chapels, and so to teach our children that when they come to a house of worship, they too will carry that spirit, that they will not mar or deface the pews, scratch the walls, throw gum on the floor, nor paste it on the benches, and that they will not resort to rowdiness or loud and coarse talk. If our children acquire the qualities of refinement and respect in their own homes, then they will usually manifest those same qualities in our houses of worship and thus be in harmony with the spirit of the Lord.

"Reverence and obedience to law should begin at home. Indeed, too much emphasis cannot be laid upon the responsibility of parents to teach their children reverence for God in all things sacred, and to honor and uphold the law. . . ." (President David O. McKay.)

By thus schooling ourselves and training our children, our attitude toward houses of worship and sacred things will increase, and we will grow in faith, and the Lord will strengthen our testimonies. The services held in our chapels each Sabbath day are beautiful because of their simplicity. There are no formal rituals but just a simple service of faith and devotion which will be edifying only if we maintain a true spirit of reverence.

## INTRODUCTION OF STUDY GUIDE FOR NOVEMBER 1956

### Remember the Sabbath Day to Keep it Holy

1. We are asked, first of all, to remember the day—to be aware of its significance—and to appreciate it.
2. In the second place to keep the day—to hold in remembrance its meaning.
3. We are asked to keep the day holy. It is a holy day—not a holiday.



# Bishopric's Page

Prepared by Lee A. Palmer

## Why Young Women Respect Young Men Who Honor the Priesthood

(Excerpts from an address, by Connie Waddoups, during a recent quarterly stake conference of the Bountiful (Utah) Stake. Presiding Bishop Joseph L. Wirthlin represented the General Authorities in the conference.)

IN ONE simple sentence, we respect you because through honoring and magnifying the priesthood you hold, you can be recipients of all of the promises of the Lord entitling you to success in all phases of this life and the life hereafter. What girl could ask or hope for more in her friends and associates?

First: We realize that the priesthood places you in a position to be a partner with God, and through it you can act in his name. We as young women owe every blessing, every privilege, and every opportunity that we have in this great Church to that priesthood. Without it the Church would be of little value since all of its authority and ordinances would be void. In a spiritual sense, then, we respect you because you are the channel through which the truth can come to us, directly from the Almighty himself, teaching us how to follow in his footsteps toward the fulfillment of our greatest objectives.

Second: When we seek and pick our friends, we are intent upon choosing those who have found success in everyday living as well. The priesthood

## Youth Speaks



Connie Waddoups

has a profound and intimate relationship here. In the Doctrine and Covenants we read:

... then shall thy confidence wax strong in the presence of God; and the doctrine of the priesthood shall distill upon thy soul as the dews from heaven.

The Holy Ghost shall be thy constant companion, and thy scepter an unchanging scepter of righteousness and truth; and thy dominion shall be an everlasting dominion, and without compulsory means it shall flow unto thee forever and ever. (D & C 121:45-46.)

Third: We respect you for honoring the priesthood because we too are a part of that priesthood since in its fullness it requires a man and a woman in the bonds of eternal marriage and united with their eternal family. Thus, priest-

hood, family life and the whole search for eternal joy are all inseparably bound up together.

As we young women embark upon the task of seeking and finding a mate, we want someone who is not only a good date, but also a man of faith, a man of good works, a man who is worthy to take us to the temple of the Lord and there be sealed and have the gates of the covenants of eternity opened unto us.

As much as we sometimes dislike to admit it, we want a man who will be the head of our household in every proper sense of the word—a man who has the power to call down the blessings of heaven upon us and our families. We want a partner with whom we can share the sacredness of creation and eternal increase.

In short, we want a marriage that progresses from that simple temple ceremony to the celestial calling of a God. Young men, the priesthood which you hold is the only thing upon the face of this earth that can make realities out of our dreams.

Since the priesthood, then, is such an important factor in all phases of life, spiritually, socially, and eternally, is it any wonder that we as young women truly do respect you young men who honor that priesthood?

It is my prayer that all of us, young and old, will realize the sacredness and power of the priesthood, that men of all ages will honor and magnify that great gift, and that we as young women will always respect and help you in doing so, that together we may truly share in the wonderful blessings only possible through its great power.

## Downey First Ward, South Los Angeles Stake, Sets Perfect Attendance Record

In this photograph are the loyal bearers of the Aaronic Priesthood in the Downey First Ward who, seventy-six strong, attended all priesthood and Sacrament meetings during May 1956. Aaronic Priesthood leaders are included in the photograph.

The story of their outstanding achievement appeared on the Presiding Bishopric's Page of the Church Section of *The Deseret News*, August 11, 1956.



# Today's Family

ALLIE HOWE  
Editor

**H**ERE COMES a bride who knows how to cook!

She assures success with these recipes for all brides of today or yesterday.

Mrs. Jack H. Young of Long Beach, California, the former Miss Loa Gene Curtis, believed that a girl could be a homemaker even though not married and consequently was prepared to set a pretty table with a tasty meal for her husband after their marriage was solemnized in the Los Angeles Temple last July.

"Jack and I met at Church just after I returned from my mission to the Eastern States," Loa explains, "but it was a few years before we became man and wife." This couple had problems to solve, answers to find, and Jack had a foreign mission to fulfill. Following her mission Loa was an airlines stewardess and in that capacity proved that missionary work can continue if the desire is in one's heart. The experiences she relates are so interesting that she has become a popular fireside speaker. Not only has she interested outsiders in the Church, but she has also stimulated inactive members into a consciousness of their roles as examples and representatives of the Church.

One story that always provokes a smile concerns two sailors returning to Utah for a leave. Having served them a dinner tray, which included an order of coffee, she casually inquired, "Oh, you're from Utah. You must know something of the Mormons up there."

"We certainly do," they responded. "We're Mormons ourselves."

Then with eyes full of wonderment, Loa returned, "You are! I thought Mormons didn't drink tea or coffee or smoke." After an interesting and challenging conversation, two sailor boys alighted from a flight with an avowed desire to change their ways.

"Being a stewardess was a rich experience for me, for I gained new friends and met many interesting people. But," Loa warns, "before

## Happy Landings from Loa C. Young



becoming stewardess, a girl should be confident that she can live the gospel principles in the face of all temptations, no matter how alluring. Strong as my testimony is, and faithful as my training in my home and the Church has been, there have been times when I needed all my strength and faith. It's been a great test and an exceptional proving ground for me, and I'm grateful that I've been blessed with the strength to resist. When I see the Church poster that says 'Virtue is its own reward,' I know what it means. Now I have a beautiful marriage. I can't describe

the thrill and happiness of it all. We are so thankful! We only wish all couples could know the joy of sharing the gospel and of temple marriage. This is truly heaven on earth."

Always interested in good foods, Loa gathered many of her recipes from the different cities to which she flew, and sometimes from passengers on the plane. "In fact, one of my passengers gave me the following recipe. I don't recall his name but I do remember that he was a professional scout and had just attended the MIA June conference and had



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been impressed with the Church and our MIA activities."

### Marinated Steak

Mash two or three small buds of garlic. Pour  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup olive oil over garlic and let stand 30 to 45 minutes. Add 1 cup vinegar, a dash of cracked black pepper and salt, and a scant  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon of crushed oregano. Paint steak on both sides, and repeat periodically for two hours, then broil.

### Steak Sauce

Chopped fresh or canned tomatoes  
Roasted, peeled green chillies  
Fresh white onion  
Salt, pepper, and oregano

Experiment with quantities to suit taste and amount desired. Recommended proportions are 3 parts tomatoes, 1 part chillies, 1 part onion.

"My job, which included serving meals in flight, has taught me how important it is to have food look good as well as taste good. It matters little how tasty the food is if it doesn't look appetizing and as if it would be fun to eat. Color combinations and trimmings do wonders for a meal. I've especially noticed that this is true with children who have finicky appetites. It's the little things like a sprig of parsley, the maraschino cherry placed just so, a fresh lemon slice, a crushed ice bed for celery and carrot strips, triangular cuts of cheese to fit triangular crackers, rosebud radishes, dainty, clean jelly dishes, and appropriate bread dishes for hot (and she does mean hot) rolls."

Loa felt she couldn't put enough stress on the importance of a clean butter plate, even if the square was not completely used. And yet she is careful never to waste her butter. By using rubber scrapers she saves butter and jam and yet always has fresh dishes on the table.

Other "little things" she recommends are leed glasses (put them in the refrigerator for three or four hours before serving cold drinks), chilled salad bowls, oven-warmed plates, and the use of chafing dishes where practical. She also suggests that a homemaker not be "stingy" in the use of dishes. "Sometimes foods are much more appetizing when they have their own dish. If you have creamed vegetables, serve them in small individual vegetable dishes; if you are serving a tossed salad, provide individual salad bowls. Gravy, meat sauces, creamed vegetable juices, and salad oils seldom make appetizing fare on one plate. These small extras are to cooking what perfume is to a woman's grooming," she emphasizes.

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## Turn a Can of Hash Into Something Heavenly

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### 'Yeast-Riz Crust with Hash

Scald  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup milk. Stir in  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup shortening, 6 tablespoons sugar and  $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon salt. Cool to lukewarm. Measure into bowl  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup warm (not hot) water. (Cool to lukewarm for compressed yeast.) Add 1 package or cake Fleischmann's Yeast, 1 package or cake Fleischmann's Yeast, active dry or compressed. Stir to dissolve. Stir in lukewarm milk mixture, 1 beaten egg and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups sifted enriched flour. Beat until smooth. Stir in an additional  $1\frac{1}{4}$  cups sifted enriched flour (about). Knead. Let rise until doubled in bulk, about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours. Punch down; divide into 3 pieces. Roll each into 10-inch circle. Press firmly into 9-inch pie pan. Press edge with times of fork. Brush with 1 slightly beaten egg white. (To decorate crust, place thin braid or small cut-outs of dough around rim. Brush with egg white.) Let rise until doubled

in bulk, about 20 minutes. Prick with fork. Bake in oven at 350° F. for 8 minutes. Do not brown. Fill and bake—or store until ready to use. To store crusts, cool, stack and wrap in foil. Hold in refrigerator 1-10 days. Makes 3.

### Savory Hash Filling

Combine and set aside for topping  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup fine bread crumbs,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup melted Blue Bonnet margarine, 2 teaspoons grated onions and 2 tablespoons chopped parsley. Heat contents of 1 can (15 $\frac{1}{2}$  ounces) roast beef hash. Remove from heat; add 1 egg and blend well. Put hot hash mixture into "Yeast-Riz" Crust. Top with 2 medium tomatoes, sliced. Sprinkle with crumb mixture. Bake in moderate oven at 350° F. for 15-20 minutes. Makes 4-6 servings.

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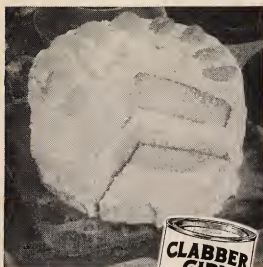
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| 2½ teaspoons Clabber Girl Baking Powder | 1 teaspoon orange extract       |
| ¼ teaspoon salt                         | 6 egg yolks (¼ cup)             |
| ¼ cup shortening                        | ¼ cup milk                      |
| 1 cup sugar                             | Orange sections                 |

Sift together flour, Baking Powder, and salt. Cream together shortening, sugar, orange rind, and orange extract until light and fluffy. Add egg yolks, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Blend in dry ingredients alternately with milk, adding dry ingredients first and last. Beat only until smooth after each addition. Pour equal amounts of batter into 2 greased and floured 8 x 1½-inch round layer cake pans. Bake in a 350° F. (moderate) oven about 25 minutes. Cool thoroughly. Frost with Seven-Minute Frosting. Garnish with orange sections.



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### Yams Baked in Foil

Scrub yams thoroughly, wrap completely in heavy foil, and bake in an oven set at 350° F. for 50 or 60 minutes, depending on size. Prior to serving, make a crisscross slit in the foil and the yam, pinch to open gash, insert a square of butter, sprinkle with brown sugar and cinnamon, put back in moderate oven (325° F.) until all other food is ready, and serve piping hot. Loaf suggests folding the foil back halfway down the yam, and then serving. The foil will keep the yam hot and will help retain the juices within the skin until the yam is completely eaten. Our cook says the same procedure is also very good for banana squash.

### French-Cut String Beans

Cook a package of frozen beans in a covered pan with a very small amount of water, a generous square of butter, and pecans. Let them steam over a very low flame until cooked. Sometimes it is best to use an asbestos pad between the heat and the pan.

### Barbecued Spareribs

Loa has tried the barbecued spareribs in every city to which her stewardess flights took her, and from all the recipes she collected, she recommends:

Place in bottom of heavy kettle, preferably a cast iron frying pan or dutch oven, two generous layers of spareribs. Smother with sliced onions and pour barbecue sauce over the ribs. Cover and bake two to two and a half hours in an oven, then uncover, baste, sprinkle with a little more brown sugar, and return to the oven, uncovered, for a half hour until dinner is ready and all the trimmings are on the table. Our cook says that these are delicious served with a crisp tossed salad, fluffy brown rice, and asparagus or some other green vegetable.

### Barbecue Sauce

- ½ cup catsup
- 1½ teaspoon salt
- ⅛ teaspoon chili powder
- ½ teaspoon mustard (dry preferred)
- 3½ teaspoons brown sugar
- ¼ teaspoon Tabasco sauce
- 1 cup water

Blend ingredients together and pour over spareribs, as outlined above.

"I enjoy fixing a cheese sauce for topping asparagus or baked potatoes. Of course, for baked potatoes, this should be garnished with fresh chopped chives.

It's just another little finishing touch that makes a refreshing change and a colorful dinner plate."

Loa feels that oftentimes breakfast becomes just a routine meal with little to add interest to the food. As a slight variation she suggests

### Broiled Grapefruit

Halve the fruit and free each section from the rind and skin. Spread a teaspoon of honey over the top, sprinkle with a little brown sugar, and put under broiler until edges of fruit are browned. Top with a maraschino cherry and serve toasty warm.

### Thin Danish Pancakes

- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- ½ teaspoon soda
- ⅛ teaspoon salt
- 1 small carton sour cream

Blend eggs together, add flour, sugar, soda, and salt and stir until smooth. Then add sour cream and blend. Drop onto hot, slightly greased griddle in sizes slightly larger than a dollar. Serve with heated syrup and butter melted and warmed in a tiny chafing dish. Loa promises that these are "out of this world." This recipe was given to the newlyweds by a gentleman friend.

For brides and other cooks who feel that desserts are a risk or difficult, Loa assures success and satisfaction from the following:

### Flaming Baked Alaska

- 1 layer of yellow or white cake (or sponge cake if desired)
- 1 quart vanilla ice cream
- 1 quart strawberry (or flavor of choice) ice cream
- 6 egg whites
- ¾ cup sugar

Cake may be cut in a square, if desired. However it is simple to use a round layer and then use matching layer tins to set the ice cream in the exact shape and size. Line the layer tins with aluminum foil, pack one firmly with the vanilla ice cream, and pack the second with the other flavor. Smooth off the layers, cover with waxed paper, and set in freezer until very firm. It is also well to chill the cake so that it too will be firm.

Cut a piece of foil or brown paper the size of the cake, lay on a cookie sheet, and place the chilled layer of cake on it. When the ice cream is firm, release one ice cream layer and



place on top of cake. Quickly remove foil and then add the second ice cream layer. Cover quickly and completely with about an inch-thick meringue of stiffly beaten egg whites and sugar. Place in a pre-heated oven at 500° F. for five minutes or until egg white turns a toasted brown, remove, slip onto serving tray, put a few drops of lemon extract on top, light the extract with a match, and carry to the table your exciting, flaming Baked Alaska. This is a surprising treat for any gathering and a wonderful way, Loa suggests, for mothers to use the egg whites they have left from the baby feedings.

"There is a simpler and quicker way," Loa says, "and it works fine if you move very fast, but the softer the ice cream, the faster you have to work." Cut a cake in individual squares, cut pieces of ice cream to fit, cover quickly with meringue, and pop into the oven. The first method is more colorful because of the shading of ice cream layers and because the very hard ice cream is shaped exactly to size. "However," our cook admonishes, "enjoy baked Alaska frequently by preparing it the simple quick way, and, of course, always add the extra touch of the flaming extract."

#### Top of the Stove Custard

- 2 large eggs
- 1 3/4 cups milk
- 3 teaspoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Assemble all ingredients in bowl and mix. When blended, and sugar is dissolved, pour into four, five ounce cheese glasses or custard cups. Place a folded paper towel in the bottom of a two quart pan and fill pan with cold water to the halfway mark on the glasses. Sprinkle nutmeg on top of each custard, cover the pan, and bring water to a boil.

The secret of success is not to boil but merely to bring water to a boil, immediately remove pan from heat; do not "peek," but allow custard to steam in a tightly-lidded kettle until cool. "If you peek, the steam is gone, and you'll be sorry," Loa warns. This recipe carries the cook's promise of perfectly delicious custard every time. After all, her mother taught her this!

When Loa isn't busy taking care of her home and new husband and collecting recipes, she is teaching Sunday School or working as the stake Jr. Gleaner leader. Her work in the Church, whether teaching or as a leader, has always been with teen-agers, and she "loves them."

She also admits a secret passion for sailing. As a native of Long Beach,

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California, she "loves the sea breeze blowing in my face and the feel of a sound boat. I'd like to be a skilled sailor someday," she wistfully confesses.

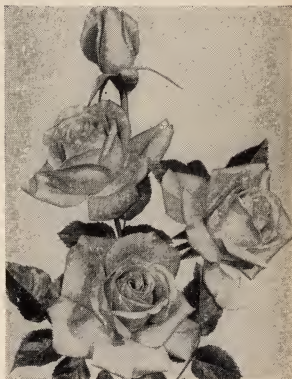
Loa filled some of her Golden Gleaner requirements through her knowledge and practice of cooking and fondly remembers the many hours watching her mother bake bread and cook. "At those times we'd talk together about the Church, and I'd also learn about cooking. I guess one reason I enjoy both of

them so much is because they've been associated together since my early years.

"I guess it's the seemingly little things that are always the biggest," Loa reflected. "It's just that way with food, too. It seems to me that in all my travels, the part that made the dinner special and outstanding was the little extra thought. I guess cooking is like life—everything is nicer by going the extra mile. It's the little things that really count in cooking, and with friends and neighbors, and in marriage."

## Romance of the Rose

by Jewell Casey



—Howards of Hemet, California

**D**OWN THROUGH the years the rose has been a greatly loved flower, in art, in literature, story, and song. It has been called "queen of flowers" and is quite deserving of such a title inasmuch as, with the exception of the Arctic lands and the equatorial belt, it is grown and worn in all sections of the world.

Not only is the rose seen in countless gardens, but it is also seen upon stained glass windows, in precious gems, on rich silks and priceless tapestries, and valuable canvases. It has been used on coins in both the United States and in England.

"Every rose has its thorns," we have often heard. We owe these thorns, according to mythology, to a venturesome Cupid who flew down to a rose garden and lighted on a lovely flower to kiss it. A bee, seeking nectar in the heart of the rose, stung Cupid on the lip. Indignant at such treatment, he flew to his mother and asked her to punish the flower. Venus gave him a quiver of arrows tipped

with angry bees. He shot them gleefully, and to this day their stings may be seen as thorns on rosebushes.

Rose culture was an important industry for the early Romans. On feast day in Rome all important buildings and chariots were decorated with roses. Traders dealt in nothing but roses. Gardeners were especially trained in grafting, pruning, budding, fertilizing, and otherwise caring only for roses.

Great caravans laden with roses were sent from Milan to the Emperor Carinus, and fleets laden with them sailed from Alexandria and Carthage. Roses were flung before returning triumphant troops. They were thrown into the chariots carrying the generals, and the air was filled with rose perfume.

The Romans considered the use of the rose for purposes other than those connected with the church as sacrilegious. At one time a man appeared in public with a wreath of sacred

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roses on his head and was punished by a prison term of sixteen years.

The rose's immortal place in English history is connected with that thirty-year struggle known as the War of Roses, between the rival houses of York and Lancaster. The House of York adopted the white rose for its badge, and the House of Lancaster wore the red rose. With the marriage of Henry VII, of the Lancastrian branch, to Elizabeth, Duchess of York, uniting the two houses, it is alleged that on that gala day a white rose was planted on one side of the royal palace and a red rose on the other. The next morning a new bush appeared, and upon it were roses with the two colors blended—their petals were striped white and red.

In the middle ages so important was the rose in Europe that it had a Sunday of its own—Rose Sunday. In some areas here in the United States, Rose Sunday is celebrated.

Nero is credited with having spent one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for roses at a single supper. Rose puddings were served, while fountains sprayed rose water. Before and after repasts, his guests, who were wearing necklaces and crowns of roses, reclined upon pillows filled with rose petals. Rose petals carpeted the floors, and the guests were privileged to bathe in marble-lined pools of water perfumed with roses.

Roses were also the favorite flowers of Cleopatra. On the occasion of her banquet for Anthony, her hall was carpeted to the depth of an ell with rose petals.

It was the custom for Roman children to plant a rosebush on the day when their parents came home from a long journey. A returning soldier planted one upon his arrival home from war.

In Switzerland the cemeteries are known as rose gardens because of the old custom of strewing roses over graves.

An anthology of rose poetry would make a library within itself, as many poets have paid homage to the rose or used it some way to convey some beautiful thought. "The Romance of the Rose," a poem of twenty thousand verses, was begun in the thirteenth century by Guillaume di Lorris, and continued in the fourteenth century by Jean de Meung.

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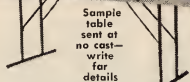
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# A Simple Mechanical Plan to Store Food

Storing Food Is Fun When the Whole Family Participates

by Keith M. Walker  
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(Editor's note: In response to the series of food storage articles recently featured in this magazine the following suggestion was received and is presented here as a further service to our readers.)

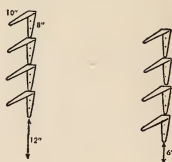
NOW THAT we have learned about quantity food storage, nutritional values, per capita consumption, and food variety, the storage project shown below may be suggested as one mechanical arrangement for storing and rotating food. Each time a can is taken from the storage shelves, all the cans on the shelf rotate a half turn and fill the empty gap. (Housewives really enjoy this home "grocery store" convenience when company unexpectedly arrives. The children, too, are quite pleased to assist by operating the selective food system.)

Mechanical rotation avoids extensive bookkeeping.

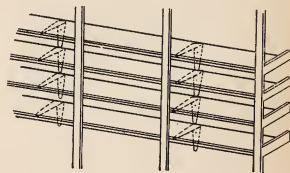
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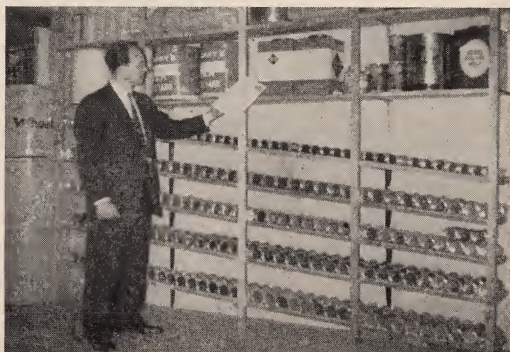
1. Fasten braces to wall



2. Attach shelves, place uprights in position, and install guide strips.



3. Finished project complete with cans





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The following sketches illustrate easy installation. Food rotation is featured. The food we store should be of our own taste and choosing.

Let's be a little selfish with ourselves and plan for possible extended illness or loss of those who provide. Stored food will help in emergency, when tangible things are so meaningful.

### SUGGESTED ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS YOU MOST LIKELY HAVE

QUESTION: I've tried storing food—it fizzled out!

Remember, negative results received from one attempt to effect the ideal storage plan do not render the idea worthless. Find the right way to do it. Make it fun.

Although canned goods and staple foods will store easily and remain delectable for some time, we should keep in mind that the time factor works differently for varieties of food. Rotation is the key to solve most of our storage problems. Let's store the food we like, eat the food we store, and replace the food we eat.

QUESTION: How can we finance?

Buy just two cans of food a week, or any other packaged or loose-pack product, if this is your limit. Two cans weekly means 500 cans in five years. Start now! Watch your storage grow. Why wait until we're hungry?

### HANDY HINTS

Payment for Handy Hints used will be one dollar upon publication. In the event that two with the same idea are submitted, the one postmarked earlier will receive the dollar. None of the ideas can be returned, but each will receive careful consideration.

When you want to amuse a convalescent child, fill three glasses or clear vases with water and add different shades of vegetable coloring. Put a white flower (carnation, daisy, or marguerite) in each one. In two hours the flowers will begin to take up the color and provide a little show for your child to watch.—Mrs. C. P., Portland, Oregon.

QUESTION: We may be asked to declare our food surplus.

True, but we have a supply of food on hand, and the food we want, and the price is right.

QUESTION: My family doesn't care for canned goods or other basic items.

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It is of supreme importance that any food storage program provide proper nutritional balance for every individual in the home.

QUESTION: Do you really think there will be a time of need?

The principle of obedience to authority is of tremendous importance for our spiritual growth. Our leaders may only suggest—we must be receptive to spiritual advice and sensitive to the need for storing food.

Remember, too, emergencies arise within families. At times of extended illness, unemployment, unprecedented expense, and similar crises, a food storage program will prove of inestimable worth.

We must determine our individual needs, enlarge our thinking capacities to include the storage of food while times are good, and feel most keenly the need for being our brothers' keepers. Yes, we may yet have the distinct honor of sharing our food supply with those in need and thus fulfill, in part at least, the second great commandment: "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

For production line speed when baking cookies, line pan with foil—then lift off the entire batch when done. You can have another sheetful "dropped" all ready to slide onto pan and in the oven.—H. N. F., Brownsville, Texas.

To get rid of the smell of fish from your hands, wash them in hot salty water before using soap. Do the same with the dishes and pans that have been used for fish. When you rinse off the salt, the fish smell goes with it.—E.B., Forest Hills, New York.

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## How Near To the Angels

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assisted by Robert W. Stum, past president, Utah State Photographers' Association, currently stake missionary in East Provo Stake. Frank Wise, a member of the general board of the Deseret Sunday School Union, was film editor. Sound was handled

by Francis O. Boyer, Sunday School teacher in Provo Sixth Ward. Production assistant, Thomas McMahon, is active in the First Ward, BYU Stake. The script was written by Ruth Hale, regional drama director, Southern California, long recognized with her husband, Nathan Hale, for

## "A door must be either open or shut"

Richard L. Evans

**L**AST WEEK we referred to the rate of speed at which men move—to the fact that sixty miles an hour means moving eighty-eight feet in a single second—to the losses that could occur from only a little wrong turn, from only a little inattention. There are many other phases of this same subject that could be considered, as to the small differences between success and failure, between safety and sorrow. In business, for example, the difference between solvency and insolvency may be, in terms of percentages, only a small degree of difference. We all make many mistakes, and if a person's business judgment proves persistently to be fifty-one percent unprofitable, he will surely wind up in insolvency. But if his decisions prove to be fifty-one percent profitable, he will wind up solvent and successful. The difference may be only a very thin slice on one side of the line or on the other—but it is a difference of incalculable consequence. This may seem oversimplified, but essentially it is just this simple: Either we make more than we spend or we spend more than we make, and which we do is ultimately the difference between soundness and insolvency. Now to look a moment at another side of the subject: As an old French proverb puts it, "A door must be either open or shut."<sup>1</sup> It is an intriguing short sentence. A door that is open just a little way can be opened farther. A little opening is likely to become a larger opening—physically, mechanically, mentally, morally. A principle compromised just a little way can be compromised farther. "Just a little," we sometimes say. But just a little of some things often means just a little more. Just a little of some things is often much too much. The sharp line of demarcation sometimes seems to be shaded on both sides—but somewhere in this shaded area there is a point beyond which one cannot safely proceed. And not only should we not cross the line that marks the limit of law, but also for safety we should not even let ourselves come close to the shady side. "A door must be either open or shut." And when safety or soundness requires it, or the preservation of principle, we should see that it is shut.

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their successful MIA plays, and Scott Whitaker, adviser to the Senior Aaronic Priesthood group, Edgemont First Ward. Music was furnished by the Brigham Young University symphony orchestra and a cappella choir, conducted by Dr. Crawford Gates and Newell B. Weight. No expense or effort has been spared to make this "movie" the best ever. "How Near to the Angels" is a film with synchronized sound, in full color, and it will prove most appealing to both youth and adult.

Those who have seen "teasers" of the film have given genuine and wholehearted approval and have felt disappointed that the entire movie was not shown. Eagerness to obtain this film has been evidenced through the orders that are coming to the office for its rental. Brigham Young University will distribute the film.

The wards and stakes will do well to book this film soon for inclusion on the MIA calendars 1956-57. It deserves to be shown to all young people to prove that adherence to ideals of the Church can indeed be an exciting way of life.—M. C. J.

## Oscar A. Kirkham

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of Fathers' and Sons' outings, including one held at Waterton Lakes, Alberta, Canada, with 1327 present, the largest in history. At this time, the Canadian Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes were exchanged by National leaders. He holds personal recognition from Lord Robert S. S. Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, and other world leaders. President Kirkham claims his greatest satisfaction has been his high privilege of serving the youth of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the youth of this America.

Another of the great honors in his colorful career was the citation given by the American Camping Association at the convention in St. Louis, February 17, 1950, in recognition of his outstanding service to the youth of our land and other lands in the field of camping and character building.

The purpose of this organization is to further the interests and welfare of children and adults through camping and recreational experiences. It has an enrolment of five thousand leaders and a million members. This citation was given in recognition of living persons who have rendered exemplary service to the camping movement.

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## Oscar A. Kirkham

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On this occasion the organization gave citations and plaques to Brother Kirkham and four others. In presenting the awards before a group of more than nine hundred registered delegates representing thirty-seven states, this was said to Brother Kirkham:

Oscar A. Kirkham, Salt Lake City, Utah, —A prominent leader in western organizations for many years, including the Pacific Camping Association and its federation with this Association on a national basis; served with distinction the National Organization of Boy Scouts of America for over thirty years in attending many large national gatherings and five great international Jamborees where he has camped with hundreds of thousands of men and boys from all parts of the world in four different European Countries; prominent in the Church of Jesus Christ for his executive leadership in the development of camps and outdoor programs; on the mountain trails and around the campfires of the West you can hear his songs and stories; he has developed many bulletins on camping.

We are pleased that Mr. Kirkham could be here in person to receive the citation.

### SILVER BEAVER CITATION

January 9, 1953

It is with a touch of emotion that I assume the honor of presenting this dean of all good Scouters to our Council President for the highest local Council Service Award in Scouting.

He became my scouting idol more than thirty-six years ago, which has been true also of thousands of other boys now taking their places in mature society. Men and boys alike have for forty years cheered, sung, thrilled, hiked, and followed his dynamic leadership. He is remembered affectionately for his inspiration at the round table, in the meeting room, at the head of massive assemblies, as the marshal of the day and in the quiet glens and hollows of our western hills by the light of a thousand campfires.

Here is a man to match our mountains!

For outstanding service to boys and to those who love them—at home, all over America and on foreign shores—we say simply, Oscar and Ida, thank you and God bless you.

Silver Beaver Committee

Chairman of the Council  
M. Elmer Christensen

Brigham Young University presented this citation:

Brigham Young University, February 21, 1956, the faculty and student body of the Brigham Young University present this cita-

tion to Oscar A. Kirkham in recognition of his lifetime of untiring, unselfish service to the youth of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the Boy Scouts of America, and boys of all nations of the world.

Signed:

Ernest L. Wilkinson—President

J. Wid Tingey—Student Body President

Brother Kirkham is a popular speaker. He has an impressive personality, a strong and well-modulated voice, and deep religious convictions. Out of his wide and wonderful experiences he has gathered a wealth of stories and anecdotes which lend interest and effectiveness to all he says. He has written songs, coined slogans, and published guides and manuals for camping and scouting.

The following is typical of his thinking:

### BUILDING A FIRE

Here are some rules for building a fire. They may also suggest something to you:

- (1) Get down on your knees near the wood. Be close to nature; if God is with you, you cannot fail. Do your part.
- (2) Start with a little spark; be patient; it will grow.
- (3) Blow gently, give encouragement in lowly, safe, kindly ways.
- (4) Add fuel only as needed. Do not smother the fire. It will need care.
- (5) Let the warmth be yours to enjoy. Feel the glow of the fire, there is magic in building it.

Confucius said: "He who chops his own wood gets warm twice."

As surely as the sun brings the morning and rivers run down to the sea, a new day is dawning, and our children shall live brave and free.

On May 25, 1904, Elder Kirkham married Ida Murdock of Heber City, Utah, a capable and beautiful young woman. He had but recently returned from studying in Germany. He was in debt; he had no money. He was twenty-four years of age. But none of these factors deterred him.

Sister Kirkham is a modest woman with a generous endowment of common sense, and with superior executive ability. She is a graduate of Brigham Young University and has been a popular and successful teacher. Through the years she has managed the economy of the Kirkham household, spelled all the hard words

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for the family, helped train the children, and promoted and encouraged her distinguished husband in his public service.

The home life of the Kirkhams has been a happy one. The atmosphere at their fireside is the kind in which strong men and noble women grow. They have four sons and four daughters, all of whom are pursuing their lives in keeping with the training and spirit of the home in which they were reared. They are all married, all college graduates, and five have filled missions for the Church. They are Mrs. George Y. Jarvis (Carol), Mrs. Leslie Burbidge (Grace), Rock Norman, Mark, Ned, Mrs. Wade H. Andrews (Katherine), and Mrs. David S. Bassler, Jr. (Jane). The children are active in the Church. One is a member of a high council, another a bishop, a third a YMMIA president. Two of the sons are in government service. Two grandsons of President and Sister Kirkham are currently filling missions for the Church.

Oscar Kirkham's life and his affections are centered in his home and family. It is here that he is best known and most loved. It is here that he experiences his deepest joy and makes his greatest contribution. These tributes from his children and from his companion of more than fifty years, eloquently testify in his behalf.

Sister Kirkham says:

"We have a united and happy family, loyal to each other, to their country, and their Creator. At the close of our golden wedding celebration, at which all the children were present, Brother Kirkham said, 'This has been a perfect day for me; my great desire is to bless you.' We knelt, and while he prayed, the spirit of heaven filled our hearts to overflowing. Oscar has been the great personality in our home, where he is adored by all. His teachings have regulated our lives, and his example has inspired our efforts."

Here are a few sentences taken from tributes paid by his children. One said of him, "If I were looking for an ideal in life I would look to my father. He has been in all respects an ideal father."

Another said, "When I go into my father's presence, I feel that I am facing one of the choicest, most

reverent, refined, yet one of the most delightful persons I have ever met. . . . Words can never express my love and admiration for him."

Another writes, "I remember father's faith, trust, and generosity. I remember his great capacity for forgiveness, his great love of people, and the thousands of friends that reward that love."

One of the daughters writes, "When I think of my father, a warm and delightful feeling comes over me. He is a great man, full of understanding and with a love for humanity. I love him because he taught me the magic of prayer."

THE KIRKHAMs grew vegetables in Lehi, and the boys sold them in the streets of Salt Lake City. Oscar as a young boy had a strong, clear voice which could be heard for a city block. He would attract customers by announcing what he and his brothers had to sell. His voice made him a valuable salesman.

If the load was not sold the first day, the boys camped at night in the titing office yard and slept either in their wagon or on the cobblestone pavement. Perhaps they dreamed of better days.

The youthful voice that attracted buyers and sold vegetables on the streets of Salt Lake City has called Scouts assembled from all over the world to rally to their standards and to make men of themselves. That same voice has inspired men and women all over the Church with a renewed hope and with a renewed faith. The boy from Lehi who slept on the cobblestone pavement of the titing office yard has been the guest of the nobility of the earth. He is known the world over as a leader of boys and has mingled with the great and the near great of the world. Oscar is a great commoner. Wherever he goes, he makes men and women better and happier.

Pioneers and world leaders in this movement have recognized and followed his leadership. He is a crusader for righteousness. With a contrite heart and an unconquerable faith he still pursues his work. He is a great morale booster. In this field he rises to the pinnacle of his power. Here he is superb, pre-eminent, unmatched. His generation will never forget him and generations to come will be better because of him.



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# Your Page and Ours

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Dear Editors:

WHILE BEING an officer in the United States Air Force, I have enjoyed THE IMPROVEMENT ERA as the best magazine I have. It makes one feel as he reads the different messages the same as we feel in our Church meetings.

These ERAs have not lain idle, since I pass them on to others when I have finished reading them.

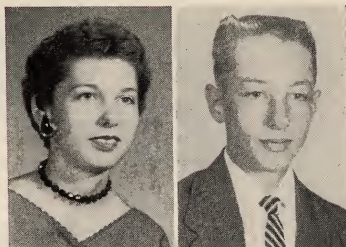
To a Latter-day Saint in the service THE IMPROVEMENT ERA is a source of information as well as a spiritual guide. I refer to the Melchizedek Priesthood page, which answered a priesthood question at the very time the question arose. I am group leader, and my secretary asked me a question to which I found the answer in the current issue.

The ERA is inspired.

Sincerely,

/s/ Doyle B. Tanner 1/Lt.

## A BROTHER AND SISTER TEAM



DAWNIE ISAACSON of Malad First Ward, Malad (Idaho) Stake, has achieved 100 percent attendance for almost six years in Sunday School and Sacrament meeting (a combination of MIA and Primary). She is an Honor Bee, Mia Joy, and hopes to become a Silver and Golden Gleaner. She is assisting as chorister and organist in the Sunday School and Mutual.

Her brother Max has achieved 100 percent attendance for two years at Sunday School, Sacrament meeting, priesthood meeting, and MIA. He is very faithful in his Church duties and is always willing to assist whenever and wherever he is needed.

## MIA MAIDS OF 37TH WARD, OGDEN

THE MIA MAIDS of the Ogden Thirty-seventh Ward, South Ogden (Utah) Stake, held their rose evening recently. Each Mia Maid, their leader, ward YWMIA president, and special guests took part in the program which featured both music and speech. The girls tied their Rose Bouquet in the presence of their parents, bishopric, and stake members of the YWMIA.



## WE REMEMBER



O. B. Petersen

DEATH has called a former manager of THE IMPROVEMENT ERA, Elder Ole B. Petersen, who died recently at Long Beach, California. In his years at the ERA he played the dual role of business manager and assistant editor. He was here when the ERA was joined with the *Young Woman's Journal* in November 1929, and for several years thereafter. He left the employ of the ERA in 1935 to go to Long Beach, where he has engaged in the printing business. As a young man Elder Petersen filled a mission in Tahiti. He was later president of the mission in those islands.

Burial was in Lehi, Utah, his birthplace. THE IMPROVEMENT ERA extends its deepest sympathy to his widow, their six children, seventeen grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Kings Co. Nova Scotia

Dear Sirs,

I WANT to thank you most sincerely for the extra copy of THE IMPROVEMENT ERA which you sent to me. It was a thrill to see my poem "Young Farmer" in the [general] conference issue, and I deeply appreciate your acceptance and publication of this poem.

Your magazine is a source of comfort and inspiration to those of us who are so far from the main body of the Church. May our Heavenly Father continue to bless you in your wonderful work; you are adding much to the lives of all who read your fine magazine.

Your sister in the gospel,  
/s/ Hilda Jackson

USOM/Iran

Dear Editors:

THE IMPROVEMENT ERA has been a source of real joy to us during our tour of duty in Southeast Iran. We read each issue from cover to cover; it has never failed to give us the much-needed spiritual uplift and feeling of joy that come from being members of the Church. As we are the only LDS couple in this part of Iran, we have missed the Church associations and activities more than we can tell. THE IMPROVEMENT ERA has helped so much to breach that gap.

Sincerely yours,  
/s/ Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hymas  
Kerman, Iran

Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Editors:

I WANT to take this opportunity to express my deepest thanks to you and to everyone connected with THE IMPROVEMENT ERA. I also wish to thank the members of the Tooele 11th Ward for sending it to me. I look forward to receiving it each month. It helps me keep up with the Church news at home.

Thank you again and may God bless all the people who make this wonderful magazine possible.

Yours sincerely,  
/s/ AE3 Gale R. Peterson  
US Navy

Whittier, North California

Dear Editors:

I WANT to thank you very much for sending me THE IMPROVEMENT ERA. I enjoy its contents more than any reading I have. As a part-time shut-in, I am especially grateful for it.

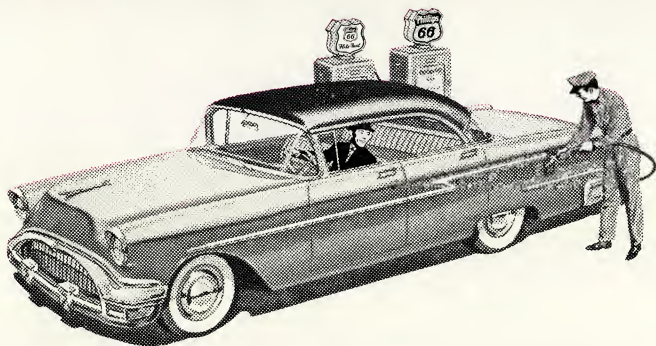
We had a wonderful conference last Sunday and the best speaking I have ever heard. The spirit was with us in a great way.

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